

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Forever Friends, Luke  
16:1-14 - Bradley Bell

October 9, 2022

Luke: Upside Down

Length  
in mins

Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals

## 0:00 Call to Worship - Colossians 1:15-17

Whether you are new to Antioch or you've been here for years, one thing we hope that you experience is a deep sense of belonging. Not just because you like the music or the preaching, but because Jesus Christ is drawing you to himself and to his people. Indeed, he is the only One who can satisfy such a desire, and here's why:

"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Colossians 1:15-17

We haven't gathered this morning to worship the Creator of SOME things, the Lord of SOME thrones or dominions, the God to whom SOME things belong and SOME things hold together. No!—we have come to worship Jesus Christ, by whom ALL things were created, ALL things hold together, to whom ALL things belong!

And that includes you. So get in on this as we sing! You belong.

## 0:00 *Look And See* [ Default Arrangement in Bb ]

## 0:00 Confession - Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Church, we live in a culture where ownership is one of our deepest values and sources of security. Yet hear this word of warning that comes from Deuteronomy 8:

17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:17-18

It's so easy for us to assume that it is only our hard work that secures the blessings of wealth and success. And then we fail to remember that everything we have is on loan from our Creator: the health, intelligence, circumstances, opportunities, talents, and even the luck that we have—it all comes freely from God. And one day we will give an account of how we've used it.

Let's heed this warning and go to Lord. Take the words of Deuteronomy on the screen and use them to offer your own confession to him. For example, you might say something as simple as, "Lord, please don't let me forget you." [brief pause]

Thanks be to God, who hasn't just confirmed his old covenant, but has given a new one for sinners to be forgiven!

## 0:00 *My Worth Is Not In What I Own* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

## 0:00 *Jesus Paid It All* [ Default Arrangement in G ]

**0:00 Evidence of Grace - 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

At Antioch we define the biblical office of deacon as a man or woman who is a lead servant in a ministry of the church. That includes five overarching elements:

- 1) They serve as people who are devoted and reliable
- 2) They administer by carrying out the vision of the pastors
- 3) They empower by mobilizing other members to serve
- 4) They mediate by keeping the peace
- 5) They advocate by representing the needs of their ministry

Deacons must be qualified according to 1 Timothy 3:8-13:

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their women likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

At Antioch new deacons may be added after being nominated by members of the body or the pastors. After examination and consideration by the pastors, deacons can then be affirmed by a consensus vote of the pastors.

On behalf of the pastors I am excited to present Timothy Wallis to you as the deacon of facilities.

Timothy we'd like to present you with a symbolic gift, a wooden basin to remind you of your Savior who washed the feet of others. Now let's show our affirmation of Timothy serving in this way (applause). Let's pray.

**0:00 Sermon - Luke 16:1-14**

**0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

**0:00 *All I Have Is Yours* [ Default Arrangement in C ]**

**0:00 *Build My Life* [ Default Arrangement in G ]**

**0:00 Benediction - 2 Corinthians 8:9**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also now is our time for giving—ushers please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat; the pen is yours to keep.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

**Announcements**

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

- 1) 9 AM Classes - Adult 9 am classes will relaunch early next year. In the meantime YD, Youth, & Simple English Bible Study will continue as normal.
- 2) Baptism Class - We will have a baptism class on Sunday, October 23rd for anyone who is interested. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table, so please let us know if you will attend.
- 3) Food Pantry - Food Pantry is this Saturday. Volunteers please arrive by 9:30. See Bill Stayton for more info.
- 4) Fall Workday - October 22nd from 8:30-12:00. For more info see Timothy Wallis.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, you now know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Therefore may you go as shrewd sons and daughters of light, leveraging all that you have to win for God forever friends. Based on 2 Corinthians 8:9

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**WE ARE SENT**

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