

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Luke 13:22-30 Mark Mihalyov

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Luke: Upside Down

Length  
in mins

Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals

## 0:00 Call to Worship

Good morning! Welcome to Antioch Church!

Each week we gather together to do the seemingly impossible: to enter the presence of the Holy God.

WAIT WHAT? Let that sink in. Every time we gather, we are not merely gathering for fellowship or for an experience. Rather, we are seeking the very face of the God who created us. Each week we celebrate that Jesus died and rose again to lead us into God's presence and into his family forever. Hear this call to worship from Psalm 24:

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.  
Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.  
He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah  
Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory. Selah (Psalm 24)

Let's focus our hearts this morning on seeking God's face.

## 0:00 *All Creatures Of Our God And King* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

## 0:00 Confession

Confession/Assurance (False Assurance)

We read in our call to worship that those with "clean hands and a pure heart" can enter God's presence. But how can our hands and hearts be cleansed? John the Baptist encountered people who thought that they were clean just because they were raised in a religious family, but he warned them,

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Luke 3:8-9)

Like the people John was addressing, we've all trusted in things that could not save us, whether that's our own deeds, our family, our church attendance - you name it. John makes it clear that misplacing our faith is a fatal mistake, and we need God to correct us to trust in him and him alone. Let's take a moment to reflect on where we might be trusting in other things and confess that to God this morning. [pause]

[leader prays] Lord, the path of repentance is hard, and it is easy for us to turn aside to trust in our own strength. Forgive us, Lord, for rejecting your way and help us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. (taken from Matthew 7:13-14)

## 0:00 *Psalm 126* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

## 0:00 *Endless Praise* [ Default Arrangement in Gb ]

## 0:00 Sermon - Luke 13:22-30

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

0:00 *Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)* [ Default Arrangement in G ]

0:00 *Let The Nations Be Glad* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

0:00 **Benediction - 2 Peter 3:9**

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 - We are taking a short break from our adult 9 AM class, but Young Disciples and Youth will continue.

2) Soccer - We will finish our soccer clinics on Oct 1st with a fall festival. You'll be getting more information in family groups about how to serve. Please pick up some fliers before leaving today to give out to your neighbors. This is a great way to build intentional gospel relationships! So come and hang out even if you don't play the game!

3) Antioch Ladies, Save the Date! On October 7 & 8th we will gather together for a Fall Women's Weekend. Friday night from 7-9 we will have a bonfire and a smore's bar! Coffee, hot chocolate, and Apple Cider. The following morning we will gather together at Antioch from 9am-12. We have the pleasure of hearing Diane Schreiner share about her experience in ministering to women of every generation. Afterwards we will gather in groups to discuss questions and pray together. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to Crystal Kiefer through text or sign up on the sheet by the door. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, help is absolutely welcome! Just let Crystal or Katie know. Can't wait to share time together!

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, Jesus our Lord strong and mighty has entered through the narrow door to bring us into the feast of God's presence. May you then go and invite others to join before that door is shut forever.

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

0:00