

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Patience and Pardons, Luke
13:1-9 - Aaron Kiefer

September 4, 2022

Luke: Upside Down

Length in mins

0:00 **Call to Worship - Matthew 22:37-40; Psalm 96:4-5**

Good morning and welcome to Antioch!

Here is one of the great challenges of gathering and calling one another to worship the one true God: we are distracted people! Not just distracted in this moment. As humans, we live lives of distraction. God longs for everything in life to lead us to see him and delight in his goodness. Listen to how he calls to us in our whole being:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

The worship of every heart and soul belongs to God alone, for he is our Creator and Sustainer. Come on everyone, let's fight off our distractions and declare this good news together:

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But the Lord made the heavens. - Psalm 96:4-5

0:00 *Forever Reign* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 *Christ Is Risen* [Default Arrangement in E]

0:00 **Confession - Romans 3:8-10; Hebrews 9:27-28**

Church, often without even realizing it, we spend time convincing ourselves that we're not as bad as others; that the good things in our lives have come because we're good; and that the bad things in others' lives have come because they're bad. This is a distraction that keeps us from the truth. Here's the truth from Romans 3:

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:8-10

Church, let's beware of letting the sins and hardships of others, lessen the reality of our own sin. For those who acknowledge it, and bring their need before God to be made holy, hear this assurance from Hebrews 9:

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:27-28

0:00 *We Fall Down* [Default Arrangement in E]

**Length
in mins**

0:00 New Member Introductions

Here at Antioch we value the practice of covenant membership—after all, our declaration as to why we exist centers on relationships. Of course, we recognize that what makes us members of God’s family is trust in the finished work of Jesus, not signing a covenant. But membership is meant to simply be an outworking of that inner reality. It clarifies to members who they are committed to and who is committed to them. And it allows pastors to know who is seeking their spiritual oversight and (as Hebrews 13:17 says) for whom they will have to give Jesus an account.

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, “The admission of already professing and baptized believers into membership will be by affirmation of the church upon recommendation of the elders.” Thus after a process that included a membership class, individual membership interviews, and the affirmative vote of all covenant members, we are excited to present to you these new covenant members of the Antioch family (please come forward as I call your name):

Dan Gilliss
Natalie Gilliss
Jake Latyschow
Dana Latyschow
Jonathan Teel
Loren Eckhardt
Adrian Bach
Brenda Lindsey

First, let’s let these brothers and sisters know how excited we are that God has brought them to Antioch!

Our tradition here is to give new members a “stone of remembrance”. Throughout the Old Testament we see examples of God’s people responding to his grace by raising up a stone of remembrance, an ebenezer. It was a way of marking what he had done to save them. With this stone we are marking what God has done to save you and bring you into his family.

We also see this theme in the New Testament. In 1 Peter 2:4-5 we read, “As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” So with this stone we recognize not only that you have been saved and brought into God’s family, but that each of you have a unique and important role in that family. For this reason, we have not only marked the stone with Antioch’s name and the year of your membership, but also with your name and a meaningful statement about you that stood out from your membership interview. May this be a blessing to you!

[Pass out stones]

Church, let’s pray for these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

0:00 Sermon - Luke 13:1-9

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

0:00 *Lord I Need You* [Default Arrangement in B]

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

Length in mins

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) Child Dedication class - Next Sunday, Sept 11 at 9 am - We will have a child dedication class and then a dedication the following Sunday gathering. If you are a member who is interested there is a sign-up sheet on the side table. If you have attended one in the past, you are welcome but not required to come to the class in order to participate in the dedication.

3) Membership Class - Our next membership class will be on September 18th. If you are interested in learning more about how to become a member of Antioch please sign up on the side table.

4) Soccer - This Saturday begins our fall soccer clinics! For the next 4 weeks on Saturdays 3-6 pm, we will be hosting soccer clinics for ages 5-11 years old. We will finish 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!

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.

Because of what Christ has done, a new heaven and earth will emerge from the fire of God's judgment, filled with God's pardoned people. So may you go with that great pardon today, and like God, wishing that none would perish, but that all would reach repentance too. Based on 2 Peter 3:9

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

0:00
