

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

We Pursue Relationships,
Part Two, Ruth 1:15-18 -
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Membership: We Pursue
Relationships

Call to Worship - Psalm 2

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Needless to say, this has been a sad and difficult week in the life of our country. All of us enter this gathering with some measure of heaviness over what has happened, and concern about the months to come. If ever it has been clearer, we need to be called to worship and set our eyes on Jesus Christ. Hear these sobering words from Psalm 2:

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2

Church, rather than standing and using the name of Jesus to further a political cause, let us stand and sing of the One whose cause is to save all who come to him...

Fellowship So Deep

Confession - 2 Samuel 22:2-3

In 2 Samuel we read,

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, 3 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. 2 Samuel 22:2-3

In a spirit of lament and intercession for our country, let's pray this together:

O God our Rock, hold us in this chaos.

O Christ our King, calm us in this storm.

O Holy Spirit, intercede for us in this sorrow.

Merciful God, have mercy on our country.

We need you now. Amen.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon - Ruth 1:15-18**Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*****We Are One In The Spirit*****Announcements & Benediction - Mark 3:14**

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit, or you can give through GivApp.

We want to thank you for your generous giving and update you on the Soccer goal (we are seeking to raise \$5000 total). We have a display here that will track how close we are to our goal. Currently, we are at 325.00!

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Membership series - As we've heard today this entire month is an emphasis on covenant membership. That means a couple of things:

Current members, this is the time in which we renew our commitment to one another by resigning our membership covenant. We have copies available in print (on the back table) and we will also email and post a pdf copy where you may sign digitally and return to Tammy@antiochpeople.org. We did not print out the constitution and bylaws but if you would like a copy of those email Tammy and she would be happy to send you all the information.

And for those who are interested in becoming members, there will be a membership class on January 17th at 9AM. This class will be made available to you in person or on a Zoom call. If you are interested please fill out the sign-up sheet on the back table and someone will be in touch with you about details of attending that class

3) Food Pantry - Join us this Saturday at 9:30 for our monthly food pantry. This is an opportunity to serve our neighbors. See our deaconess of mercy, Kari Crigler, for more information.

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. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, Jesus has called you to be with him and to send you out to preach. May you go believing that your relationships can change lives. (based on Mark 3:14)

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

Congregation: We are sent.
