

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

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Let's Make Room, Luke  
14:1-24 - Bradley Bell

November 14, 2021

Luke: Upside Down 2

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## Call to Worship - Isaiah 55:1-2

Today is a unique day in the history of Antioch—it's what we're calling Hospitality Sunday.

In the very first words of the Bible we read this:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

That means God is a God of hospitality. From all of eternity past, he had everything he needed within himself: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And yet he still chose to make room. He created a world and made room for us to share it with him.

Thanksgiving is coming soon, right? So take a moment and close your eyes. Picture in your mind a Thanksgiving feast spread before you. Your favorite dishes. What do you smell? Your favorite people seated around the table. Who do you see?

Now keep your eyes closed, and listen to these words from the prophet Isaiah:

[1] "Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

[2] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food. Isaiah 55:1-2

Do you hear the invitation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, his offer of hospitality?

If you haven't already, open your eyes. Friend, whatever you bring is welcome here. YOU are welcome here.

***Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy***

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## **Confession - Romans 15:5-7**

Church, even though the Triune God made room for us and welcomed us at his feast from the beginning of creation, the first man and woman rejected his invitation. They wanted to be the hosts of their own feast, and we have all followed in their sin.

Why are we often too busy to extend God's welcome to others? Because we first fail to receive it ourselves.  
Would you take a moment and acknowledge that?

Give words to it now, all together:

Congregation:

Lord, when I'm not extending your welcome,  
It's because I'm not receiving it myself.

Paul the apostle writes to us in Romans 15:

[5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7

What if you walked out of this gathering today, not burdened with just the call to make more room, but with the miracle of God first making more room in you?

Making more room to receive his welcome, his arms that are always opened wide because they were nailed that way on the cross; his voice that always invites you to "rise and come" because it was spoken that way from the tomb. Let's give words to it together:

Congregation:

Lord, I am receiving your welcome,  
So that I can extend it to others.

Amen and so be it.

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## ***Altogether Good***

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## ***We Will Feast In The House Of Zion***

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## **Pastoral Prayer - Colossians 1:17**

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## **Sermon - Luke 14:1-24**

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## **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

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## ***Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)***

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## ***Jesus Thank You***

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## **Announcements & Benediction - Ephesians 2:13**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

- 1) Giving & Visitors - [antiochpeople.org/give](http://antiochpeople.org/give)
- 2) Family Groups - [antiochpeople.org/familygroup](http://antiochpeople.org/familygroup)
- 3) Serving - [antiochpeople.org/serve](http://antiochpeople.org/serve)
- 4) Classes - [antiochpeople.org/classes](http://antiochpeople.org/classes)

Next Sunday's class is FG Facilitators Meeting - This is a space for the ongoing training, encouragement, and accountability of Family Group Facilitators. This is expected for Facilitators and optional for Seconds and Hosts.

5) Food Pantry - This Saturday, November 20th will be our monthly food pantry. Volunteers be here by 9:30 AM. See Bill Stayton for more information.

6) Antioch Arts - Today directly after the gathering there will be a short meeting of Antioch Arts creatives to brainstorm together for Advent. This will be about 15 minutes in the training room.

7) Mantioch - All Antioch Men are invited to come hang out around a fire this Friday, November 19th, here at 7:30 PM. See Josh Flint for more details

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction which simply is a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. Hold out your hands and posture your heart to receive this blessing:

Church, Jesus Christ became the One far off so that you could be brought near to the banquet feast of the Triune God. And yet still there is room, so may you go to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that our Father's house may be filled.

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

Let's say this together: We are sent.

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