

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

United Members, Luke
22:14-20 - Bradley Bell

January 12, 2020

Membership: A Place at the
Table

I Love You Lord

Call to Worship - Trey Moss

Good morning church! Welcome, I'm Trey, one of the pastors here, and if you're a visitor this morning I want to welcome you from all of us here at Antioch. If you have questions as we go through the service this morning, there are people here with lanyards and will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Our call to worship this morning comes from Psalm 126. Read the underlined portion with me:

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Congregation:
The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Sooner Count The Stars

Confession - Jason Crigler

Hear the word of the Lord from Luke 14:

15 When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" 16 But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'" Luke 14:15-24

Church, too often we make excuses and put the busyness of everyday life ahead of God's call to participate in his kingdom, on his timing. Let's confess now our stubbornness to hear his call to enter into communion with him.

Come to the Feast

Giving - Jason Crigler

Church, the giving of our finances to the work of the church is one way we participate in our covenant community here at Antioch. So as the giving baskets go around, if you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give generously and cheerfully. If you're a visitor we ask you fill out a visitor card from the basket, give it someone at the end of the gathering, and the pen is our gift to you. If you're not a Christian, we're not asking for your money, we're just glad you're here!

Cup Of Salvation

Posturing Prayer - Jason Crigler

Pastoral Prayer - Trey Moss

Kids ages up to kindergarten are welcome to follow their teachers out the doors to left. This part of our gathering is the pastoral prayer, where we bring before the Lord together the needs of our congregation and beyond.

I'd like to begin our time with a Scripture, from Psalm 4:1:

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

[Prayer needs]

Closing prayer:

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon - United Members, Luke 22:14-20 - Bradley Bell

Communion - Bradley Bell

Nothing But The Blood

Assurance - Worship Team

Hear this word again from Isaiah:

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25:6-9

Church, let's keep singing of that great salvation!

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Announcements & Benediction - Jason Hunsucker

My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. Thank you for gathering with us today! Know that this was only a taste of the life of the church. Join us this week at one of our Family Groups where we truly seek to live out the Christian life together. If you filled out a visitor card today please give it to anyone with a lanyard or simply leave it in your chair if that's more comfortable for you. Just a few announcements before we go:

1) Membership Covenant Renewal & Class - As mentioned earlier, today begins our opportunity as current members to renew our covenant membership. You can do this at the table in the back. If you aren't a current member, instead of signing the covenant we invite you to our Membership Class.

2) Membership Class - Membership Class will take place on January 26th, immediately following the Sunday Gathering. Lunch will be provided, so please sign up at the table in the back.

3) New Year Women's Brunch - Antioch women! Mark your calendars for the 'New Year' Women's Brunch, January 25 at 10 am. For more details, please see the Antioch Church Facebook page or find Katie Bell after the service.

4) Food Pantry - We will be needing volunteers for this month's food pantry. Arrive at 9:30 am to help prepare. This is a great opportunity to serve your neighbors. Donations are always welcome as well. See Kari Crigler for more information on how to get involved in this ministry.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. Church, 1 Corinthians 10:16 tells us that the cup of blessing that we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a participation in the body of Christ. We have been welcomed to the feast. And yet each week we are among many who do not come to Jesus' table, because they don't even know they've been invited. May you, with the joy and confidence of your place at the table, go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that Jesus' table may be filled (Luke 14:23).

[Jason] 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.

