

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

November 7, 2021 - Acts 16:6-15 - Todd
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Call to Worship

Good morning and welcome to Antioch. Before we begin lifting our voices in worship together, receive this invitation:

To all who are weary, and need rest;
to all who mourn, and long for comfort;
to all who fail, and desire strength;
to all who sin, and need a Savior,
we open wide our doors with a welcome from Jesus himself, the Friend of sinners.

Whatever you bring, it is welcome here. Now together let's bring it before our Heavenly Father, as we sing together...

Grace Alone

Confession - Acts 26:16-18

Hear the words of Jesus from Acts 26:

But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Acts 26:16-18

One of the most freeing confessions that we can make is our inability. We cannot in ourselves open anyone's eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. We cannot in ourselves provide the forgiveness of sins and a place among those sanctified by faith in Jesus. But Jesus tells us to rise and stand, and trust him to do it through us. So let's pray this together (say the underlined portions with me):

O God who saw a world to fill with glory
And then made it by your word,
You have seen a new world to fill with glory
Poured in by Christ the living Word
Topped off by the redeemed of every nation

Congregation: Lord, I long to see that world.

Yet you have not spoken that world into being
No, you have chosen instead
To speak your word through unclean lips
To pour your glory through leaky wineskins
To win it all through the weak and needy

Congregation: Lord, I am often weak and needy.

I know you will see your vision through
I know it, or I wouldn't be here still
But I have been around the block enough to know
This is a vision so big
That only you could accomplish it

Congregation: Lord, I believe—help my unbelief.

I live with a burden to see the lost saved
But I cannot save
I live to befriend those who are going
But they leave me
I live to pour myself into this commission
But I grow tired

Congregation: Lord, I am not sufficient for these things.

So I look to you who bids me come
Again and again and again
Whose only requirement for grace
Is to come weak and needy
Empty to be filled

Congregation: Lord, I need the same gospel I hold out to others.

You invite me to rest and wear your yoke
The tool for working oxen
I confess it is a strange analogy
And yet it is an easy and light burden
When I see that you do the heavy lifting

Congregation: Lord, your finished work secures that which is unfinished.

O God who saw in me a vessel to fill with glory
Here again I offer back that which you have first given
My strength, my weakness, my everything
Pour through me Christ the living Word
And top off your world with redeemed from every nation.

Amen.

Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow

Psalm 126

Sermon - Acts 16:6-15

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Rock Of Ages

The Reward of His Suffering

Announcements

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

2) Next Sunday's class is titled, Hospitality: How to Experience and Extend the Welcome of Jesus. The Bible has much to say about the gift and practice of hospitality—but what if we saw the entire Bible as an expression of God's hospitality? This class will give attention to how God welcomes us and makes room for us, so that we can do the same for others. Family Group hosts will certainly benefit from this class, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

3) Work Day - Coming up this Saturday, there will be a facilities workday starting at 8:30 AM. We are going to paint doors, clean chairs, deep clean, and do some small repairs around the building. Please fill out the sign up sheet or respond to the Sunday email. Come ready to work and build up an appetite for the provided lunch. See Timothy Wallis for more information.

To conclude today's gathering we are going to hear from some of our visiting distributed members (by distributed we mean members who have been sent globally to proclaim Jesus. For the sake of security we will conclude the livestream at this point. For those of you who are watching online, peace be with you.
