

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

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We Pursue Relationships to  
Display Christ, Genesis 2:18 -  
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Membership: We Pursue  
Relationships

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## **Call to Worship - John 17:24**

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! As we enter into a space of setting our eyes together on God, listen to the way Jesus prayed for us in John's Gospel:

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. John 17:24

From eternity past God has existed in loving friendship within himself: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And now through Christ he wants us to share in that friendship forever. From wherever you're at this morning, know afresh that God calls you to worship today, not just as a servant, but as a friend.

## ***Death Was Arrested***

### **Confession - Genesis 2:18**

In Genesis 2:18, before sin had even come into the world, we read,

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone"

In our individualistic culture we are often guilty of settling for being alone and isolated, and letting others remain alone and isolated. As an act of acknowledgement and repentance, hear this prayer, and agree with it in your hearts:

O God of friendship, you created us for friendship, for the sharing of burdens, for the joining of celebrations, for the breaking of bread, so it is not unnatural that we should taste a particular sorrow when alone and isolated. Please draw near to us as the Friend of sinners. Use the acknowledgement of our own isolation to become what motivates us to relieve the isolation of others. Amen.

## ***Abide With Me***

### ***Goodness Of God***

### **Sermon - Genesis 2:18**

### **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

## ***New Again***

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## **Announcements & Benediction - John 17:24**

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 375.00! AND don't forget --We still have MCT Calendars on sale for \$10 each.

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. Current members, this is the time in which we renew our commitment to one another by re-signing 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](mailto: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.

3) Antioch Arts - There is an interest meeting immediately following today's gathering for those who would like to get involved. The first Open Studio will be on Saturday, January 30th from 9-12. See Josh Thomas 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, God has befriended you with the same loving friendship he has shared from eternity past. May you go having found the friend your heart longs for, and helping others to find him as well. (based on John 17:24)

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.

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