Sunday Gathering Liturgy

December 27, 2020 - The Wedding at Cana, John 2:1-11 - Matt Kuiper

Call to Worship - Amos 9:13-15

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Hear the word of the Lord from the prophet Amos:

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God. Amos 9:13-15

Church, God has been telling us since the days of the Old Testament that he was saving the best wine for last. Thanks be to God that we live in a day when that best wine has been poured out in the Person of Jesus Christ. Let's awaken from our post-Christmas sluggishness and worship the One who turned water into wine...

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Confession - Worship Team

Listen to the words of Jesus in the Gospels of Luke and John:

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Luke 12:15, John 10:10b)

Christmas is a fitting time for us to remember that our lives aren't wrapped up in the gifts we receive or don't receive. But our lives abundantly flow from a relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's confess this together:

God, when it comes to righteousness, our supply is scarce.

Congregation: But you give us yours in abundance. And when it comes to life forever, we cannot obtain it.

Congregation: But you offer it freely in abundance.

Help us to receive these gifts as your beloved children. Amen.

Come to the Feast

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Sermon - John 2:1-11

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Let The Nations Be Glad

Announcements & Benediction - John 2:10

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 mention an emphasis on year-end giving—three ways you can give to that are: Soccer (we are seeking to raise \$5000 total), the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and MCT prayer calendars (they are \$10 each and our goal is to sell out).

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 - Next Sunday we will begin a month-long series and emphasis on membership. Please join us!

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 revealed his glory and made the best wine available to us. May you go drinking him in, and sharing him with others. (based on John 2:10)

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.