

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

We Pursue Relationships to
Display Christ Among All
People, Matthew 11:16-19 -
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Membership: We Pursue
Relationships

Call to Worship - Isaiah 61:1-3

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Listen to these words that were fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3

Because Jesus Christ came as the Friend of Sinners, we begin each gathering with a call to worship. Because he offers a welcome to all who see their need, we also welcome all who see their need. Let's receive this welcome by standing and singing of his grace together...

Grace Alone

Confession - Matthew 9:10-13

In the Gospel of Matthew we read,

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:10-13

The Pharisees thought of friendship as received only for people like them. But Jesus came befriending sinners. Let's take a moment to confess and repent of the ways we avoid friendship with those who are not like us.

Jesus, you chose to live in the midst of enemies like us,
Not with the devout, but with the dismissed.
If you had not done this, we never would have been spared.
Forgive us for ways we fail to also be a friend to sinners,
And help us open our lives to those who are not like us. Amen.

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Evidence of Grace - Joshua 4:1-7

New member introductions

- Jason and Melanie Case (children: Ethan, Ezri, George, Hellen, Koa, Javier)
- Josh and Michelle Burkett
- Matt and Shannon Reynolds (children: Noel and Halle)

Sermon - Matthew 11:16-19

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Reward of His Suffering

Announcements & Benediction - Luke 15:3-7

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. Also, giving statements are now available—see Tammy afterwards to pick yours up.

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) FG Prayer Meeting - Tonight @ 5pm we will hold a prayer meeting here at the building (will also be streamed on our private Antiochfamily facebook page). All FG's are encouraged to attend. This will take the place of your regularly scheduled group meeting this week.

3) Missionary Care Team - The next zoom meeting is Sunday, February 7th at 8:30am. A link will be posted later this week. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, see Pastor Robbie.

4) Luke series - Also beginning next Sunday is our new sermon series in the Gospel of Luke titled "Upside Down". We hope you'll join us for that.

5) Family Meeting- Finally, in two weeks (February 14th) right after the Sunday Gathering we will have a brief family meeting. Members please plan to attend.

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, you were once the lost sheep for whom Christ left the ninety-nine. May you go rejoicing that you have been found, and being a friend to those who have not yet been found. (based on Luke 15:3-7)

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.
