# **Sunday Gathering Liturgy**

We Pursue Relationships, Part One, 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5 - Bradley Bell

# **January 3, 2021**

Membership: We Pursue Relationships

## Call to Worship - Psalm 34:3

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Hear this word from Psalm 34:

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! Psalm 34:3

To be in relationship with God is to be in relationship with one another. This gathering is a time when we get to celebrate our relationship with God—together. So with your voice and with your heart, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together...

# Glorious Day

#### Confession - John 15:13-14

Hear these words of Jesus from John 15:

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. John 15:13-14

Church, Jesus Christ has been the most faithful Friend to us, laying his life down so that we can know God. But our friendship in response often falls short as we fail to keep his commands. Let's take a moment and confess to him our need for his love and friendship...

[silent prayer]

Christ, thank you for being our faithful Friend.

## Goodness Of God

# Is He Worthy?

Sermon - 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

#### **Blessed Assurance**

#### Announcements & Benediction - Proverbs 18:24

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 \$75.

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. That means a couple of things:

Current members, this is the time in which we renew our commitment to one another by resigning 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. 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.

And for those who are interested in becoming members, there will be a membership class on January 17th at 9AM. This class will be made available to you in person or on a Zoom call. If you are interested please fill out the sign-up sheet on the back table and someone will be in touch with you about details of attending that class

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 become to you a friend who sticks closer than a brother. May you go befriended by him, and therefore befriending others. (based on Proverbs 18:24)

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.