

Sunday Gathering

Sons and Daughters of the
Resurrection, Luke 20:27-44 -
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Luke: Upside Down (Spring
2023)

Call to Worship - Luke 24:1-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Happy Easter everyone! Today we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anytime you hear someone say "He is risen!" you respond with "He is risen indeed!" Let's try it:

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Why do we do this? It's a confession of faith. We believe the tomb is empty!

If you joined us on Good Friday then you know that we use artwork as part of our worship at that gathering. It comes from a project called "The History of Redemption". Since we end Good Friday at the crucifixion, there are pieces of the artwork that we don't get to use. So today we'll include some in our liturgy. Here's the first:

Image 1 - Jesus rising from the grave

Hear the word of the Lord from Luke 24:

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." Luke 24:1-7

Image 2 - God changing our hearts

Church, because Jesus Christ is the Son of the resurrection, we too can be sons and daughters of the resurrection. This is the best news in the world and leads us to worship in a way that involves not just our mind, but also our hearts and bodies. Listen to how the Bible describes our victory in Christ:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."
"O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

You Are Good

Confession - Romans 6:3-5, 9-11

Every Sunday throughout the year we take this part of our gathering and confess our sins to the Lord as a congregation. But we've been doing that over the past forty days of Lent, preparing ourselves for this sacred day, which now kicks off the 50 days called Eastertide. So let us rejoice together that we who believe have been brought from death to life. Hear the word of the Lord from Romans 6:

Image 3 - Person being baptized

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:3-5, 9-11

Image 4 - Person praying

Church, you are dead to sin and alive to God! Take these powerful words to heart, let them stir your imagination and give you power—power to live the resurrected life. For he has raised you up, and seated you with him in heavenly places, so that in the age to come he might show you the immeasurable riches of his grace.

Absent From Flesh

Amazing Grace

Faith's Review and Expectation - Sandra McCracken's version

Sermon - Luke 20:27-40

Baptism - Romans 6:3-4

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Is He Worthy?

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Benediction - Revelation 21:5

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Spring Soccer Clinics - Our Spring soccer clinics are starting on Saturday, April 22nd, and continue for four weeks. This is a huge opportunity for us to bless our community and build intentional gospel relationships. Please grab some flyers on the side table to invite friends and neighbors. For more info see our deacon of soccer, Marcus O'Malley.

2) Antioch Academy - Our next Antioch Academy class begins on Sunday, April 23rd. It will be a three-week book study through Carolyn Lacey's "Extraordinary Hospitality for Ordinary People". Books will be provided for anyone who pre-registers for the class using the sign up sheet at the side table.

3) Multicultural Gathering - Also on Sunday, April 23rd will be our next multicultural gathering with Asha Church.

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. I invite you to hold out your hands in a posture of reception:

Image 5 - Jesus on the throne

Church, Jesus Christ is seated on the throne and says, "Behold, I am making all things new." Therefore, may you go into this season of Easter with a renewed imagination for the coming resurrection. Based on Revelation 21:5

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

We are sent.
