

Sunday Gathering

The Sword of the Servant,
Luke 22:35-46 - Tanner
Williams

March 3, 2024

Luke: Upside Down (2024)

Call to Worship

Good morning Antioch Church! My name is Aaron and I'm one of the pastor's here. What an absolute joy it is to enter into this place and worship together. As we do that, we announce to God and to one another the greatness of Him who created the world and gives hope to the lost. Today we'll step again into the world where Jesus' disciples walk with him and is betrayed. We'll see a reflection of our own hearts as the story plays out. Some will identify with the religious leaders who are frothing at the mouth to see Jesus torn down. Some will identify with the disciples who yearn for rest and sleep in the midst of chaos. Some will even feel like they would have betrayed Jesus that day, along with the others.

There are many themes at play in this story, but one I'd like to focus on during our call to worship is one of yearning. Every character in this narrative is actually yearning for something greater. Rest, power, money, fame, solitude, life.

That yearning that we all feel is both terrifying and beautiful! Our family absolutely loves how Skye Peterson puts it in one of her songs "Yearning is a holy thing, an imprint of eternity".

As we worship today, know this truth - the yearning that you feel is given to you by God himself! He has come before you, he is coming after you, and he is coming for you at this moment in time.

As we reflect on our yearning, Christ also took a moment to reflect in the garden among the world in which he loves. His yearning for his creation to be redeemed was answered by His father - all of which culminated in the greatest act of love for you.

Hear this reading and read the underlined portions of our liturgy;

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
 he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
 make many to be accounted righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.

All who thirst, come to the water
And drink deeply of these living streams.
Come, all who are weary;
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

New Again

Confession

You may be seated. Our call to worship was about yearning. What has your heart yearned for this morning? What moments this week have you yearned for peace with a friend? For finances to settle down? A better job? Perhaps you yearned to have a family? Perhaps your heart yearned for things that weren't of God.

We'll take a moment now and posture ourselves before God and bring into the light the things that our hearts have been yearning for and ask for grace and forgiveness where sin may have come.

As you lift your eyes, let's proclaim this together:
Most merciful God
Whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin,
We confess before you our own sinfulness;
We have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
We have compromised with evil;
We have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

Your Cross, O Lord

Great Are You Lord

Sermon - Luke 22:23-46

Mystery

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Benediction

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) Ladies, please see the sign-up sheet on the table for our upcoming women's Bible study on Habakkuk beginning in March. We will be meeting in small groups throughout the week to enjoy fellowship and God's Word. Contact Katie Harrod if you have any questions.
- 2) The Soccer Clinic will be on the four Saturdays in April from 2-5 pm there is a signup link on the social media. We would love it if you could serve. We would also love for a family group to adopt each week. See Marcus if you have any questions.
- 3) Good Friday service will be on March 29th.
- 4) MCT this Thursday at 7 pm see Robbie for details.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Brothers and sisters, let us claim the freedom Christ has given. Accomplished by his self-giving on the cross. He willingly served to enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love. Thanks be to God.

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

You are sent.
