

Sunday Gathering

Preparing for Summer, Luke
21:29-38 - Tanner Williams

May 14, 2023

Luke: Upside Down (Spring
2023)

Call to Worship - Job 1:21, Romans 12:15

Good Morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Happy Mother's Day! In mothers, we see the image of God. And not only that. In mothers, we see the promise of God—that he would crush the head of the serpent, Satan, through the woman's offspring, Jesus Christ. For these reasons and many more, motherhood is worthy of praise. Let's give God thanks for these wonderful gifts!

If you're a mother here today, whether biologically or spiritually, we thank the Lord for you! Today we remember your authentic faith, which is passed on from generation to generation. We remember the comfort you provide in times of distress. We remember how finely adorned you are with strength, honor, and confidence in the Lord's plans for the future.

We also acknowledge that this can be a difficult day for many. It can be a painful reminder of infertility, miscarriages, singleness, broken relationships, prodigal children, empty nests, and mothers who have passed. These things are worthy of grief and lament, and God enters the sorrow with us.

So let's pray this together based on Job 1:21 and Romans 12:15 (say the underlined portions with me):

O God our Creator and giver of life,
Thank you for the gift of mothers.

You are the God who gives and takes away,
Blessed be your name.

On a day that is different for all of us,
Help us rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Continue to raise up in our midst biological and spiritual mothers
That we may all grow into the fullness of Christ.

Amen.

Better Is One Day

Confession - 1 Corinthians 15

As Spring continues on toward Summer, it is good for us to pause and reflect on it. When we see all the green around us, we remember that many seeds perished in order to bring that new life. We remember that we waited long through Winter for these days.

The splendor of new life in the kingdom of God is this: even though we perish, we will be resurrected to put on the imperishable. Even though we wait and groan with all creation, one day we become all that God made us to be.

Consider the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 and read the underlined portions with me. It will be our confession of truth.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

**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.**

Therefore, my beloved brothers, and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. Amen.

King Of My Heart

No Other Name

Sermon - Luke 21:29-38**Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28*****He Will Hold Me Fast******Sovereign Over Us*****Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

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 clinic will finish this week on the 20th. Please continue to invite, pray, and involve your children in this important outreach.
- 2) Food Pantry - This Saturday, May 20th is our monthly Food Pantry. Please arrive at 9:30 in order to serve our neighbors in this important way.
- 3) Classes - Next Sunday, May 21st we will have a membership class for anyone interested. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the side table.
- 4) Exodus - We are excited to announce that next Sunday will begin a new sermon series in the book of Exodus.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a blessing for the road. I invite you to open your hands in a posture of reception:

Church, you have been set apart for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and through your testimony, help others to be blameless on that day as well. Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

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.
