Sunday Gathering

November 5, 2023 - Certainty For Uncertain Times, Isaiah 52:7 - Jason Hunsucker

Call to Worship - Psalm 93:1-2 ESV

Sunday gatherings are a time reflecting on and celebrating the things that really matter. This worship gathering is a time where all of us come face to face with the reality of who our God is and who he has made us to be through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Church, whatever it is you have carried in with you this morning - your work stress or frustrations - your anxiety over the world - feelings of disappointment or discouragement - apathy. Take heart, your God reigns!

As we enter into our time of worship this morning, let us remember together these words from Psalm 93

Whatever it is we are up against

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Sovereign Over Us

Confession - Ephesians 5:7-14; 1 John 1:7 ESV

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul encourages the church to separate themselves from the works of sin and darkness that often characterized the culture around them. Paul writes,

7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light.

As we enter our time of confession this morning, take a moment to go to the Lord and bring to the light anything that you might need to confess or seek comfort in.

Hear these words of comfort from the Apostle John, "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

Reading and Singing of Psalm 96

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Sermon - Isaiah 52:7 - Jason Hunsucker

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

In Feast Or Fallow

In Christ Alone

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) MCT meeting 7pm this Thursday, November 9th at the Groce' house.

2) Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back next Sunday, November 12th.

3) For parents of Young Disciples, November 19th will be the last Young Disciples class of the year. Parents: note that we will have donuts for the class on that day. There will be no Young Disciples the Sunday after Thanksgiving and no Young Disciples during Advent. Classes will resume in January.

4) We are in need of at least two people to run slides. We will train you. It is a very simple way to serve, but does require commitment.

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.

Church, The Lord reigns! How beautiful on the mountain are the feet who bring this good news. Our God reigns! As you leave this morning, keep before you his promise that His name will be known. Proclaim his rule and salvation, and far and wide. Walk confidently, for the Lord goes with you as your protector, and His presence is your safe haven.

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.