

Scandalous Grace, Luke 17:1-19 - Bradley Bell

From the Moon to the Depths
of Hell, Luke 16:19-31 - Ralph
Neal

November 6, 2022

Luke: Upside Down

Length in mins

0:00 Call to Worship - John 1:1-5

With the arrival of November we all start getting into holidays mode, don't we? Forget Thanksgiving—the Christmas decorations are already up! And that means in a short time we will be celebrating Advent, the season of considering the birth of Jesus Christ.

But before we get to that, consider this: this birth of Jesus was not the beginning. Hear these words about him from the Gospel of John:

In the beginning, was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

Jesus didn't just become a child, but he is the giver of life to every child. That means you! And that means the children around you right now. Hear this beautiful, good, and true word, and then let's speak it to one another: Jesus made you, and he loves what he made.

**Jesus made you,
and he loves what he made.**

Church, it's good to be alive! So let's turn our hearts in worship to the giver of life.

0:00 *Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)* [Default Arrangement in Am]

0:00 Confession - Psalm 139:13-14

Because Jesus was with God in the beginning as the Creator of all things, he knows us to the depths of our innermost parts. Like a maker of fine cloth, he wove us. And that means even in our mother's womb, he was there. Let's confess this reality along with the psalmist,

**For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**
Psalm 139:13

Sometimes we take for granted the most vulnerable part of creation, that which we have no control over: birth. We choose none of the circumstances of our birth: our parents, our time, our name. Inevitably in a fallen world, some of those circumstances are not good. And yet God's mysterious gift of life is always good. Let's confess this reality along with the psalmist,

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.**
Psalm 139:14

Father, thank you for the beauty of the life you give. Help us to see it as you see it. Amen.

0:00 *Be Thou My Vision* [Norton Hall Be Thou My Vision in D-Eb]

0:00 *On Christ The Solid Rock* [Default Arrangement in E]

0:00 Sermon - Luke 16:19-31

0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

0:00 *Take My Life And Let It Be* [Default Arrangement in D]

**Length
in mins**

0:00 *Build My Life* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 **Benediction - Psalm 139:8**

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 in order for us to grow in the context of deep 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; the pen is yours to keep.

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) 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil - Today is the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. If you have signed up please make sure you remember to pray your hour. There is a prayer guide on the side table and posted in the Antioch family FB group for you to use if you like. There may be time slots that still need to be filled so check that out before you leave!

2) Mantioch Bonfire - This Saturday, November 12th Mantioch will gather here at the building 6:30-8:30 PM. Hotdogs and chips will be served. Please bring a chair. See Josh Flint for more information.

3) Operation Christmas Child - Don't forget, boxes are due back next Sunday, November 13th! and remember to go online and pay for the postage—it's a \$10 donation per box to help send them overseas.

4) Multicultural gathering - Also next Sunday we will join Asha Church for a multicultural gathering. ****Please note: this will start at 11:00 AM instead of 10:30.****

5) Membership Class - Finally, we will be having a membership class on November 20th at 9 AM. If you are interested in membership please sign up on the side table.

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.

Church, Jesus is your advocate for life eternal! He has been with you from the beginning and will be with you to the end. Therefore go in awe that you are fully alive, that others may also be drawn the Giver of life. Based on Psalm 139:8

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

WE ARE SENT

0:00