



# Hope Chapel Greensboro

Order of Worship | January 3, 2010

### Welcome & Call to Worship

### Opening Songs

#### **This Is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:  
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

#### **Holy Is the Lord**

We stand and lift up our hands  
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now—  
how great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing— everyone sing...

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty—  
the earth is filled with His glory!  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty—  
the earth is filled with His glory!  
The earth is filled with His glory!*

It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

## Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we confess to you this morning that you have sent your Son to establish your kingdom here on earth. And we need your kingdom. Our city needs your kingdom. Our world needs your kingdom. Yet we resist your rule at every point. We are constantly trying to limit your kingship.

**We confess taking power from you. We are so afraid of having you enter into our lives because it would take us out of the driver's seat. We don't trust you with our priorities, our schedules, our money, our relationships, our children, our bodies, or our reputations. Forgive us for doubting your goodness.**

We confess trying to limit your power. We think that you are a private god, and we try to keep you out of our relationships, our workplaces, and our schools. We think you are irrelevant to the needs of our city. Forgive us for doubting your competence.

**Father, you have said that your Kingdom makes all things new. Prove it to us. Meet us where we are and enter our lives, our city and our world. We ask this not because we deserve it, but because Christ has earned it for us on the cross. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**In Christ, we are forgiven,  
and invited into the restful peace of God,  
knowing that our lives are entirely in his hands.**

*(based on Matthew 11:28-30)*

### **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise, and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
*How I've proved Him o'er and o'er*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!*  
*O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

### **God Delights In You**

Calling every daughter, calling every son,  
All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love;  
There's no need for you to fear,  
Your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone,  
Anyone who's longing for a family of their own,  
God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

*Come and sing, come and dance!*  
*The Father's singing over you.*  
*Come rejoice and be glad,*  
*For God delights in you, in you.*

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own,  
Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home.  
The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be the objects of Your love,  
In spite of all we have done.  
You gave Your beloved Son to die for us,  
To make us daughters and sons.

## **Lovesong**

Let my life be Your love song,  
Everyday sing to You.  
May my heart always please You  
As a sweet offering.  
I am satisfied in You,  
Come be glorified in me.

All of my life You've been faithful,  
My Savior, my King, and my Friend.  
All of my life I will lay down  
To love You with all that I am.

*Children are dismissed at this time*

**CHANGED BY GOD**

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## **Prayer of Renewal**

Let us pray for the church...  
Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the city...  
Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world...  
Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Give ear to our prayers, O Father,  
for the sake of your son Jesus,  
our only mediator and advocate.  
Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:17-18

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon-** Alan Avera  
If Jesus Builds It, Why Is It So Difficult?

## Offering

## Closing Songs

### Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come...

*Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
So that everyone might know Your name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done; let Your kingdom come!*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

## Community Life

### Blessing and Sending

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is before all things and in whom all things hold together, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

*Colossians 1:17, 2Corinthians 13:13*

**And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Musicians**

John Preston, drums  
Charlie Swing, guitar  
Hannah Van Patter, vocals  
Michael Van Patter, vocals, guitar

## **Song Information**

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus—Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)  
God Delights In You—George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)  
Lovesong—Glenn Packiam (2003)  
Let Your Kingdom Come—Bob Kauflin (2006)