

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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CALLED BY GOD

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God

All: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The Lord builds up his people; he gathers them together out of exile.

All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: The Lord determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

**All: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God with instruments and voices.

**All: For he delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

From Psalm 147

Songs of Praise

Cannons

It's falling from the clouds,
A strange and lovely sound,
I hear it in the thunder and the rain.
It's ringing in the skies,
Like cannons in the night,
The music of the universe plays.

*We're singing, You are holy, great and mighty,
The moon and the stars declare who You are!
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me,
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are!*

Beautiful and free,
The song of galaxies,
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
Let's join in with the sound,
Come on let's sing it out,
As the music of the universe plays.

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, forever amen.

Glory to God

Glory to God on high! Let heav'n and earth reply, Praise his name!
His love and grace adore, Who all our sorrows bore, Praise his name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy the Lamb!
Sing aloud evermore: Worthy the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God, bore sin's tremendous load, Praise his name!
Tell what his arm has done, what spoils from death he won, Praise his name!

Let all the hosts above join in one song of love, Praise his name!
To him ascribed be Honor and majesty, Praise his name!

Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness;
You never change, You never fail, O God.
True are Your promises, true are Your promises;
You never change, You never fail, O God.

*So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One,
Who was and is and is to come.*
*So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One,
Who was and is and is to come.*

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace;
You never change, You never fail, O God.

You were, You are, You will always be.
You were, You are, You will always be.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father, we cry out to you as people who are sitting in the depths. On the surface, we profess to who have it all together. Some of us claim to have mastered our lives through our competence. Others of us distance ourselves from pain and disappointment through our deep cynicism. Most of us do both in a desperate attempt to maintain control.

But you know every nook and cranny of our hearts. You know the games we play. You know our insecurity. You know our fear. You know that we would rather die than give control of our lives to you. Our fear, anxiety and misery flow from our distrust of you.

So Father, the only reason we come to you now is because you have promised to embrace us. Your love for us is even stronger than our distrust. We believe that since you drove your own Son away from your embrace, you will now run to us. Forgive us and heal us we pray, for Jesus' sake.

** time for silent confession**

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: God makes all things new. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old has passed away; everything has become new!

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are loved, we are blessed, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

(based on Revelation 21 and 2 Corinthians 5)

Passing of the Peace

Stories from the Community- Brent York

To You Alone

Lost and stranded, empty handed,
Broken down and all alone.
Your mercy it entered into darkness
And enfolded us in love.

We give You all we are for the glory of Your Name,
We give all we are for Your praise.

*Let the earth come to life in the light of heaven's glow,
And the streets sound with joy as the shackles lose their hold.
You laid down Your life for one and all,
So we give all we are to You alone.*

Just a glimmer of Your glory
And the earth falls to its knees.
You level the mountains with a whisper
And You calm the raging seas.

This means freedom for the captive
And good news for those in need.
Your message is justice and compassion
God of love and Prince of Peace.

With one voice we sing hallelujah,
All the earth cry out hallelujah,
With the angels sing hallelujah,
Jesus Christ is King.

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cold spring.
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me
Till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches;
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of Life, so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

CHANGED BY GOD

Scripture Reading

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

²¹At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²²But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³"We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this.

²⁵Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he

said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!" ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵Then he addressed them: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

⁴⁰His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴²Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 5:17-42

Sermon- Ben Milner
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Winston Salem

Offering

Sending Song

O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!", reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died— an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Leading in Worship Today

Todd Jones, lead pastor
Ben Milner, guest minister
Michael Van Patter, director of worship arts
Ryan Bowles, guitar
Alex Cobb, drums
Aaron Hanner, tenor sax
Caleb Turmel, keyboard

Song Information

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Cannons—Phil Whickem (2008)
Glory to God—James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Todd Van Patter,
Michael Van Patter (2009)
Unchanging—Chris Tomlin (2002)
To You Alone—Joel Houston, Matt Crocker (2009)
Satisfied—Clara Williams (1875), Karl Digerness (1997)
O Church Arise—Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2005)

Community Groups are central to the life of Hope Chapel.

We would love to have you visit one of our five groups, which are multi-generational and geographically based. They meet on Sunday evenings for dinner, fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

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