



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 27, 2019

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

This Is My Father's World *Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English melody*

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.

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 147:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**All: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Why do we sing?

*We sing as a way of
engaging our voices,
imaginings, words,
and desires in the
worship of God.*

*We sing together,
to God and to each other,
because of our calling to
be a people joined
together in Christ.*

An Invitation

*The Call to Worship is
sometimes called the In-
vitation to Worship. As we
shuffle through the doors
on Sunday morning, we
come to a Gospel-feast,
invited by Jesus Christ.
But not only does He offer
the invitation, He also
pays the cost of admission
through His life, death and
resurrection. And so we
are honored guests, wel-
comed in and responding
to this incredible grace.*

*Come, let us worship our
Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*What's with the arrows?
Throughout the worship
guide you will notice
arrows pointing up, down,
and side-to-side. These
are a reminder that our
liturgy is a dialogue—it's
relational. God speaks,
we respond. We extend
peace to one another.
God provides sustenance
to us from his Word and
at his Table. This morning,
God invites you into this
holy "dance".*

*We do we confess sin?
Worship both draws us to
God and reveals where
we are distant from him.
Throughout Scripture,
when people see or
experience God they are
faced with the reality of
their own brokenness
and shame. Likewise, we
confess our sin, as a com-
munity and individually.*



⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

O For a Thousand Tongues Charles Wesley (1739), Michael Van Patter (2011)

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Oh that I had a thousand tongues to sing Your praise,
My grateful heart would tell the stories of Your grace,
So with my life and every breath, I will worship You.*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Glorious God:

We confess before You

The sin of being under-whelmed by who You are.

Your glory doesn't captivate us like it should.

Your holiness doesn't humble us like it should.

Your love doesn't comfort us like it should.

And so we ask you to forgive us

And reveal your glory to us again,

That we might see it together and rejoice,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*** time for silent confession ***

⌵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⌴ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

The Lion and the Lamb *Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)*

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break,
As broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

⌴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Why is it called "Words of Forgiveness?" There's a reason we don't call this element "The Forgiveness of Sins." As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and human-kind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God's pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

The "passing of the peace": *As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from Him. In response to His grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."*

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.



What's the offering all about? The offering is a way for Christians to support the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace. While many at Hope Chapel make their regular contributions through online giving and automated bill pay, offerings are a part of our worship service as an opportunity for the regular, proportionate and generous giving of the resources God has given us.

If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give. Giving is for the members and regular attenders who desire to give to God and His church so that we can be a blessing to Him and our community in even greater ways.

Ways to give:
You may drop a check or cash in the offering plate, give online at hopechapelgreensboro.org/give, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).

Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in; oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me,
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

CHANGED BY GOD

⬆️ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⬇️ SCRIPTURE READING // Luke 8:4-18

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.



¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

¹⁶ "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Sermon- Todd Jones
Series: Parables: Truths Thrown Alongside
Title: Parable of the Sower

What do we do during the Scripture Reading? Because the Word of God is one of the chief means through which God has chosen to speak to us, it is a principle and direct way we "hear from God" in worship. The public reading of Scripture, then, is a sacred act that deserves our full attention and focus. Especially in our age, we must discipline ourselves to listen to readings for longer periods of time, for God's Word is food for our soul.

Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.

This sermon is part of a series exploring several of Jesus' parables.

For past sermons, please visit our website.

⬇️ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:
**All: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope.
May this meal be to us a comfort in
affliction, and a pledge of our
inheritance in that kingdom
where there is no death, sorrow,
or tears, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.
All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**** Institution of the elements ****



What Is Communion?

What we do during communion isn't merely a symbolic act or a remembrance—it's more than that.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 teaches us that we are actually communing with Christ Himself as we partake of the elements. We mysteriously "participate in the body and blood" of Jesus. As we take communion, let us remember that Christ is spiritually present in a special way for us in this sacrament. Let's enjoy the feast!

If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, please feel free to not participate and instead spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included in this worship guide).

We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

*PLEASE NOTE:
All bread is gluten-free.*

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Prayer for renewal and commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me *Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (2018)*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home;
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus: all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

SENT BY GOD

① SENDING SONG

Seeds of the Kingdom *Wendell Kimbrough (2017)*

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
Far and wide, He announces new birth:
"I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
every inch of the groaning earth!"

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
when the Kingdom of God is grown.



*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
and we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
Where the nations are healed and restored!

**What is the
benediction?**

Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"); a benediction is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God's people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God's people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.

⊕ **COMMUNITY LIFE**

⊕ **BLESSING & SENDING** // Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.' **Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$8,826
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Oct 20)	\$357,378
Given to Date	\$375,393
Over/[Under]	\$18,015

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$459,000
Needed:	\$441,000
Given to date:	\$101,971

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