



HOPE CHAPEL

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 14, 2018

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy *Reginald Heber (1826), John Dykes (1861)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*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 Invitation 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, welcomed 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".

Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**All: Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

**All: who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Ⓣ SONG OF PRAISE

Almighty God *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy,
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
With gratitude we raise our song to You.
Come and fill the praises of Your people,
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us,
But Your river deep floods over everything.



CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven,
all too often we trust in our own power
and do not depend upon yours.
We do not think you are wise enough,
good enough, or strong enough to act.
So we depend upon many other things:

Our strength,
our wisdom,
our charm,
our resilience,
our goodness.

Because we do not trust in you, we are filled
with anxiety, pride or even a quiet desperation.
Our hands cannot hold us up.

We come to you now, abandoning our self-trust.
Because of what Christ has done,
we ask you to receive us, embrace us and hold us.
We pray this in Christ's name.

** time for silent confession **

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

↔ NEW MEMBERS JOIN

*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.*

*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."*



CELEBRATING GOD

⬆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Blessed Assurance *Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

⬆ GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All Things Rise *Sam Yoder (2015)*

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

*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)



Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.

Just as You promised, God, Your Son was raised up!
In Him, we'll follow, in Him we'll all be raised up!

O Lord, you've made yourself a home;
Heaven and earth, forever one.
All things once sown in weakness, You raise in promise;
Your beauty arches above it all.

CHANGED BY GOD

⬆️ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⬇️ SCRIPTURE READING // Revelation 21:1-5

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Sermon- Todd Jones
Series: Dimensions of God
Title: The Restorer

Church, City, World
Corporate prayer is an essential part of the worship and work of God's people. We pray for specific needs- naming and sometimes lamenting the brokenness in the world- mindful to ask a powerful and merciful help for the Church, the city, the world, and for one another.

The leader will end each section of the prayer by saying "Lord, in Your mercy..." and the congregation responds with "...Hear our prayer".

Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor. For past sermons, please visit our website.

This sermon is part of a series exploring some of the immeasurable facets of the character of God.

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↓ COMMUNION

Minister: Is the Father with us? **All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Christ among us? **All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Spirit here? **All: He is.**

Minister: This is our God: **All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Minister: We are His people: **All: We are redeemed by His grace.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

*** institution of elements ***

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

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.**

Behold! Behold! *Caroline Cobb, Sean Carter (2017)*

I see a city coming down, like a bride in whitest gown, purely dressed.

I see the pilgrims coming home, all creation finds shalom; the promised rest.

The Lamb of God will be her light; the sun will have no need to shine.

Behold, behold God makes His home with us!

He'll take his throne, forever glorious!

The curse will be undone! O come lord, Jesus come.

The Lord will banish every sin all that's broken He will mend and make new.

And we will see Him face to face as He wipes our tears away; death is through.

And all the ransomed and redeemed from every tongue and tribe will sing...



At last the darkness will surrender to the light;
But we unveiled in glory will forever shine.
At last the powers of hell will drown in lakes of fire,
But we will freely drink the crystal streams of life .
Come thirsty taste and see, come hungry to the feast,
Come weary find your peace the Bride and Spirit sing, "Come! Come!"

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.

SENT BY GOD

⬆ 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!"

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:
Gluten-free bread is available in both serving lines.

Guides for prayer:
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, to spend this time in prayer. The prayers provided here may serve as a good place to start.



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** // Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$6,571	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Oct. 7)	\$282,560	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Given to Date	\$321,183	Hope Chapel
Over/[Under]	\$38,623	1825 Spring Garden St Greensboro, NC 27403

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