

CALLED BY GOD

⑦ GATHERING SONG

All My Ways Are Known to You Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson Michael Farren Rich Thompson (2016)

In days of peace and days of rest, in times of loss and loneliness; Though rich or poor, Your word is true that all my ways are known to You.

No trial has come beyond Your hand, no step I walk beyond Your plan. The path is dark outside my view, still all my ways are known to You.

And oh what peace that I have found, wherever I may be! For all my ways are known to You, Hallelujah, they are known to You!

I do not fear the final night for death will be the door to life. You take my hand and lead me through, for all my ways are known to You.

Open up my eyes so I may see that You have made these ways for me. Open up my eyes so I may see that You, my God, will walk with me.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 30:3-4

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

All: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Why do we sing? We sing as a way of engaging our voices, imaginations, 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.

Why a "call to worship"? Worship is something we offer to God every day of our lives in everything that we do. If we are worshiping as we come in the church doors, why do we have a Call to Worship? Implied in the phrase is the word "corporate." When we hear the Call to (corporate) Worship, we are called by God as one community to worship Him together.

What is unique about Sunday is not that we worship on that day and not others; it is that we worship together. 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 community 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 humankind–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).



⑦ SONG OF PRAISE

Cannons Phil Whickem (2008)

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.

CLEANSED BY GOD

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord and Heavenly Father, we confess that in this past week we have hungered and thirsted for many things in order to avoid coming to you in brokenness. Much of our anger has not been righteous and we have struggled to trust you with vengeance.

Rather than cry out to you with passion and weep for those who suffer, we numb ourselves. Rather than grieve the brokenness in and around us, we fill our lives with things and distractions. We have avoided hard questions and in running from the opportunity to lament we have become less human.

** time for silent confession **

Forgive us for our sins, purify our struggle, and bring us to a place of true lament for our world, our community, and for our own hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 30:3-6

You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

CELEBRATING GOD

⑦ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

This Is Amazing Grace Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham (2012)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King of Glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Before the Throne of God Above Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863), Vikki Cook (1997)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. 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.



Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness, The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God! With Christ, my Savior and my God!

⑦ GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Be Thou My Vision Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish folk melody

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always! Thou and Thou only first in my heart; High King of heavne, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

CHANGED BY GOD

PRAYER OF RENEWAL SCRIPTURE READING // Psalm 116

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
- I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

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)



- ⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";
- ¹¹ I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."
- ¹² What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!
- Sermon- Daniel Northrup Series: Growing In Hope Title: Speaking to Our Grief and Loss

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.

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This sermon is part of a series based in the Psalms exploring how God speaks words of hope into places of struggle, pain, and brokenness.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



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.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Minister: The Lord be with you.All: And also with you.Minister: Lift up your hearts!All: We lift them up to the Lord!Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. 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 **

Minister: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul; **All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits,

Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,

All: who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

All: Therefore we praise you, God, with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. 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.

Thy Boundless Grace Anne Steele (1760), Brian T. Murphy (2010)

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, The heights and depths unknown, Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Saviour's bounty taste; Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive A free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die. 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.



SENT BY GOD

③ SENDING SONG

All Must Be Well Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well. Free and changeless is His favor, all is well. Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well. Ours is such a full salvation, all is well. Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding, Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well. Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well. On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying, Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

⊖ COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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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.