



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that with steady minds and burning zeal
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

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.

Many times we arrive to worship with distracted hearts and minds. This prayer is provided as a way to help settle, or focus, your soul as worship begins. Remember that even in our intentionality to prepare and engage, it is the Lord who initiates with us to worship Him this morning. So rest in His loving invitation.

*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.*

*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 worshipping 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".*

⬇️ 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.**

⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.



CLEANSSED 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

*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

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.

Sing To Jesus *Fernando Ortega, Rich Nibbe (2002)*

Come and see, look on this mystery;
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree.
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood,
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head.

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer!
Sing to Jesus, honor His name,
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.*

Come you weary and He will give you rest,
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast.
Christ who died, risen in Paradise, Giver of mercy, Giver of life.

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Come Thou Fount *John Wyeth (1813), Robert Robinson (1758)*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it-- name of God's redeeming love.

*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 resourc-
es-time, talents, posses-
sions-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, offer-
ings 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 hopecha-
pelgreensboro.org/give,
or give through Venmo to
@HopeChapel. (note: con-
tributions made through
Venmo are not receipted
for tax purposes)*



Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place,
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to Thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Philippians 1:27-30

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: Vision // The Growth of the Kingdom

Title: Suffering and Kingdom Growth

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".

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 our annual "vision series", when we start the year renewing our focus on the mission of Hope Chapel.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



Ⓣ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: God of all Good, we bless You for the means of grace;
teach us to see in them Your loving
purposes and the joy and strength of our souls.
You have prepared for us a feast;
and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests,
We wholly rest on the merits of Jesus.**

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.

Minister: While we gaze upon the emblems of our Savior's death, may we ponder why he died, and hear him say,

**All: 'I gave my life to purchase yours,
presented myself an offering to pay for your sin,
shed my blood to blot out your guilt,
opened my side to make you clear,
endured your curses to set you free,
bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'**

Minister: In the supper we remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**** institution of the elements ****

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

All: Thanks be to God.



Minister: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: God of mercy, You are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.
Thank You for Your grace, demonstrated to us on the cross.**

**As the outward elements nourish our bodies,
so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls,
until that day when we hunger and thirst no more,
and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast.**

At the Foot of the Cross *Kathryn Scott (2003)*

At the foot of the cross, where grace and suffering meet,
You have shown me Your love
Through the judgment You received.
And you've won my heart. Yes you've won my heart...

*Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty
And wear forgiveness like a crown.
Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,
I lay every burden down at the foot of the cross.*

At the foot of the cross,
Where I am made complete
You have given me life
Through the death You bore for me.
And you've won my heart. Yes you've won my heart...

SENT BY GOD

① SENDING SONG

Your Labor Is Not in Vain *Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)*

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
but your labor is not in vain.

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.*



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.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

⬇ BLESSING & SENDING // I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Minister: May the Lord make your love increase and overflow
for each other and for everyone else...
and may he strengthen your hearts
so that you will be blameless and holy
in the presence of our God and Father. **Amen.**

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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