

# WORSHIP GUIDE // JANUARY 27, 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

Greater Than We Can Imagine George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell. On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate And of Your awesome power we will tell. We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

Because You are greater than we can imagine! You are too beautiful for us to fathom! Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!

Every generation shall sing Your worth
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth
To bear the sins of those He came to save.
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

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, 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.

### 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 89:52-90:2

Leader: Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

People: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born

or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

### **® SONG OF PRAISE**

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863) music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)

Jesus, priceless treasure,

Source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:

Long my heart was burning,

Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.

Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,

So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me:

Take me in and hold me - keep me ever near.

Though the earth be shaking,

Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.

Fire may flash and thunder crash;

But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness,

Then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in:

Though the clouds will gather,

Those who love the Savior can have peace within.

Though we bear much sorrow here,

Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure!

Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.

Gone, all empty glory!

Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!

Pain or loss or shame or cross

Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.



# **CLEANSED BY GOD**

### **⊕ CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord, we want to enter Your presence,
Worshipping You face to face,
Awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory;
But encouraged and drawn in by Your love.
Yet there is a coldness in our hearts,
a hardness toward You,
an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You.

Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.

Come near and strengthen us
Until Christ reigns supreme within us,
In every thought, word, and deed;
In a faith that purifies the heart,
Overcomes the world,
Works by love,
Fastens us to You,
And always clings to the cross.
In Jesus' name...

\*\* time for silent confession \*\*

# **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# ⊕ 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 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).

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)

# **CELEBRATING GOD**

# **® SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**

In Christ Alone Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love! What depths of peace!

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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!



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.

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

- ① PRAYER OF RENEWAL
- **◆ SCRIPTURE READING** // Psalm 16:1-6
  - <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
  - <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
  - <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
  - <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
  - <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
  - <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**Sermon-** Todd Jones

Series: Overlooks

Title: Looking Forward: Seeking His Glory

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 worldmindful 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 a series leaning into our upcoming transition into a new worship space. We want to "leave" and "arrive" well as we remember and hope for the future.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



# **® GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING**

Psalm 16 (Fullness of Joy) Caroline Cobb (2017)

O God, You are my refuge I know without You I have no good thing. O God, You are my portion My chosen portion, You are what I need. No other god beside You; You hold my lot and fill my cup.

Oh beautiful inheritance, You are enough!

In your presence, there is fullness, there is fullness of joy! In your presence, there is goodness, Boundless goodness forevermore; I choose you Lord!

O God, you go before me, You're right beside me in my darkest night. My God, you hold my future, my hope it rests secure In the finished work of Christ.

My heart is glad, my soul rejoices; You hold me fast, you won't let go. Your ways are good, and good for me; I'm yours and yours alone.

Your holy one has risen up, He's overcome the grave, The paths of life are opened wide, for He has made a way.

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.

### **©** COMMUNION

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: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Minister: 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: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit

on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another. **All: Amen.** 

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah William Williams (1745), Jeremy Casella (2002)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

# SENT BY GOD

# **® 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.



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.

# 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 // Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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