



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // APRIL 28, 2019

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

Cannons *Phil Wickem (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.

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 9:7-11

Leader: The Lord reigns forever;
He has established his throne for judgment.

**All: He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**All: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

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 community and individually.

⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

Come, People of the Risen King *Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristen Getty (2007)*

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing - shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all".

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
You broke into our dying, decaying world and have begun to work healing.
You have begun a marvelous and miraculous
work of redemption right before our very eyes.

Yet, we resist your invitation
to join you in the remaking and restoration of your world.
We confess that we remain captivated by the gods of this world
that promise so much, but deliver so little.
We settle for lives of comfort and mediocrity.
We resign ourselves to the contentment offered by power and pleasure.
We seek life in the approval and affirmation of others.

Forgive us, God of mercy, and set our gaze on Jesus,
who will one day make our hearts, minds, souls, and bodies,
finally and completely new...

*** time for silent confession ***



Ⓣ 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.
Singing 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.

Ⓢ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓛ 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.

Steadfast Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.

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."



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).

In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!"
You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Ⓢ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

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.

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 // John 20:24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Sermon- Todd Jones
Series: Friends of Jesus
Title: The Doubters

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 called "Friends of Jesus", where we are exploring several of His relationships and what we can learn from them.

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:
All bread is gluten-free.

Ⓣ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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: 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.

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 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. Grant us grace to turn from our sin and to cling to Christ, finding all life, worth, and confidence in Him.

This we ask through the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Always Good *Andrew Peterson (2016)*

Do You remember how Mary was grieving?
How You wept and she fell at Your feet?
If it's true that You know what I'm feeling
Could it be that You're weeping with me?
Arise, O Lord, and save me; there's nowhere else to go...

*You're always good, always good
Somehow this sorrow is shaping my heart like it should
And You're always good, always good*

It's so hard to know what You're doing
So why won't You tell it all plain?
But You said You'd come back on the third day
And Peter missed it again and again.
So maybe the answer surrounds us
And we don't have eyes to see...

*You're always good, always good
This heartache is moving me closer than joy ever could
And You're always good*

My God, my God, be near me, there's nowhere else to go
And Lord, if You can hear me, please help Your child to know...

*That You're always good, always good;
As we try to believe what is not meant to be understood,
Will You help us to trust Your intentions for us are still good?
'Cause You laid down Your life and You suffered like I never could.*



SENT BY GOD

⬆️ 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: Go now, knowing that all our God and Father asks of us,
He provides through the power of His Spirit
and through the work of His Son.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$7,631	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - April 21)	\$131,144	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Given to Date	\$151,765	Hope Chapel
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Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

*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.*