



# Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

## WORSHIP GUIDE // MARCH 31, 2019 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### CALLED BY GOD

#### ① GATHERING SONG

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens   *Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (2014)*

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height!  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God Has made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.

*All creation join the song of praise!  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

*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.*

*The Call to Worship  
and the Benediction are  
important traditions in  
the history of Christian  
worship. As the start and  
close of the service, they  
make an important point  
to us about worship: God  
gets the first and last  
word.*

*We understand the Call to  
Worship as God's call to  
us. If we are ever to have  
a relationship with God, it  
is God who must first initi-  
ate to us. God alone can  
invite us and draw us in.*

*Likewise, in the Benedic-  
tion, it is only by God's  
blessing (which is what  
a "benediction" is) and  
power are we able to  
go out into the world, to  
surrender our lives in daily  
worship, and to live out  
God's mission.*

*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".*

## ④ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Together: I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## ⑤ SONG OF PRAISE

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...

## CLEANSED BY GOD

*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.*

## ⑥ CONFESSON OF SIN

Father, because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins,  
we can now freely confess them.  
You no longer hold them against us.  
They no longer condemn us.  
You have set us free from our guilt and shame.

Thank you for liberating us to confess.  
Thank you for freeing us from the need to pretend when we approach you.  
So we freely come to you now confessing  
our selfishness, pride, arrogance and despair.

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



## ⌚ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

## ⌚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

*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).*

## CELEBRATING GOD

### ⌚ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**God Delights In You** George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

Calling every daughter, calling every son,  
All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love;  
There's no need for you to fear, your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone,  
Anyone who's longing for a family of their own,  
God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

*Come and sing, come and dance! The Father's singing over you.  
Come rejoice and be glad, for God delights in you, in you.*

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own,  
Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home.  
The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be the objects of Your love, in spite of all we have done.  
You gave Your beloved Son to die for us, to make us daughters and sons.

*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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel. (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes)*

## ① GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

We Are Not Overcome Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell (2011)

Flesh will fail and bones will break;  
theives will steal, the earth will shake,  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away:

*Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,  
in the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
the Lord will make a place for us.

Have no fear for your life,  
turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
the Lord will give all life and breath.

## CHANGED BY GOD

### ② SCRIPTURE READING // Philippians 3:1-11

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me-practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.



<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

<sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share[e] my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

<sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup> All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Sermon-** Todd Jones

Series: Vision // The Growth of the Kingdom

Title: Last Things

*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.*



## *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.

**Together: And also with you.**

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

**Together: 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,

**Together: 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:

**Together: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

**Together: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*\*\* institution of elements \*\**

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

**Together: Thanks be to God.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to God.

**Together: 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.**



**All Things Are Ready** *Albert Midlane (1860), Matthew Smith, Sandra McCracken (2013)*

"All things are ready," come, come to the supper spread;  
Come, rich and poor, come,  
old and young, come, and be richly fed.  
"All things are ready," come, the invitation's given,  
Through Him Who now in glory sits  
At God's right hand in heaven, all things are ready.

*The door is open wide for Christ, the Son, has died.  
Oh feast upon the love of God!  
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs,  
All things are ready, all things are ready, come!*

"All things are ready," come, all barriers are removed  
And God, in Christ, His precious love  
To fallen man has proved.  
"All things are ready," come, tomorrow may not be;  
O sinner, come, the Savior waits  
This hour to welcome thee, all things are ready.

## SENT BY GOD

### ① 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 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.

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!

## ⊕ COMMUNITY LIFE

### ⌚ BLESSING & SENDING // Jude 23-24

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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