

WORSHIP GUIDE // MAY 12, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF FASTER

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

Glory to God

James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)

Glory to God on high, let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!" His love and grace adore, Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God, bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name! Tell what His arm has done, what spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above join in one song of love, praise His name! To Him ascribed be honor and majesty, praise His name! 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

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 59:16-17

Leader: I will sing of Your strength,

in the morning I will sing of Your love; for You are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

All: You are my strength, I sing praise to You;
You, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.

® SONG OF PRAISE

Oh Our Lord Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)

We behold the breaking dawn, The light that shines over everyone. We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the rising sun, The earth awakes, Your hope has come. As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

> Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We behold the falling rain, Like waters rise, flood this place, We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness! Oh, Your name is the word of truth! Oh, Your name, oh Your name!



CLEANSED BY GOD

® CONFESSION OF SIN

Creator God:

We confess our tendency

To chase after idols.

We may not bow down

Before images of gold, silver, and wood;

Yet our heart's inclination is fundamentally the same.

We replace Creator with creation And look for life, meaning, and joy In temporary things. Forgive us, redeem us, And cause us to worship only You, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

** time for silent confession **

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 107:8-9

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, For his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, And the hungry soul he fills with good things.

⊕ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

® SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Blessed Assurance Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. We are not alone. The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurection.

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."



This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long!

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blessed, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Flourishing (from Psalm 119) Sandra McCracken (2015)

Teach me, oh God to follow your decrees. Give me understanding, your word, I want to keep. Direct me in the path, of your commands, For there I find delight, my will is in your hands.

Turn my heart away from worthless things, Preserve my life, according to your ways. Take away disgrace, You hold me in my place-flourishing.

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love. Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good. Temptation loses pow'r, my soul's revived; In righteousness, oh God, preserve my life.

® GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Rock of Ages Augustus Toplady (1776), Thomas Hastings (1830)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace. Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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 resourcestime, talents, possessionsas 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).



CHANGED BY GOD

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

◆ SCRIPTURE READING // John 11:17-44

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone.

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.



Daniel is Hope Chapel's associate pastor for youth, outreach, and assimilation.

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 quide).

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.

And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon- Daniel Northrup

Series: Friends of Jesus Title: Women of the Faith

COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you. 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.



** instituation 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.

The Power of the Cross Keith Getty, Kristen Getty (2005)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

> This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.



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.

⊕ COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

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.