



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // MAY 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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.

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 89:1-2, 8

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

**All: Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

Ⓣ SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.



CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven,
we thank you for the freedom you have
given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

But we confess today that we often live like slaves.
Instead of living like you delight in us,
we avoid you in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving your favor as a gift,
we try to earn it with our efforts.
Instead of accepting your freedom,
we prefer our chains.
Instead of pursuing your purposes,
we cling to our short-sighted agendas.

Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 71:1-3

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!
Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 resurrection.

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

None But Thee *John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)*

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,
We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

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!

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).



CHANGED BY GOD

⬆️ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⬇️ SCRIPTURE READING // Genesis 3:6-10

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: Growing Our Marriages

Title: Obstacles to a Healthy Marriage

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 a series called "Growing Our Marriages", where we are looking to the Scriptures for wisdom in becoming healthier in our marriages, and also, more generally in all of our relationships.

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

All: It is right to give You 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: 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 the elements ****

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

All: Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at His table
reflect His life in word and deed,
that all the world may know His power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Prayer for renewal and commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Grace Upon Grace *Sandra McCracken (2005)*

In every station new trials and troubles
Call for more grace than I can afford.
Where can I go but to my dear Savior,
And mercy that pours from boundless stores?

*Grace upon grace, every sin repaired,
Every void restored, you will find him there.
In every turning He will prepare you with grace upon grace.*

He made a way for the fallen to rise perfect in glory and sacrifice.
In sweet communion my need He supplies
He saves and keeps and guards my life.

To thee I run now with great expectation
To honor you with trust like a child.
My hopes and desires seek a new destination
And all that You ask Your grace will provide.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

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.

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$10,424	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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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 bless-
ing. 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 to-
gether in worship of our
one great God.*