

WORSHIP GUIDE // JUNE 30, 2019

CALLED BY GOD

GATHERING SONGS

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!

Hail to the Lord's Anointed James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong. 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. 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".

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!

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.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

All: Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen!

® SONG OF PRAISE

Sing To Jesus Fernando Ortega, Rich Nibbe (2002)

Come and see, look on this mystery; The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree. Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood, Bowing in anguish, His sacred head.

> Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer! Sing to Jesus, honor His name, Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary and He will give you rest, Come you who mourn, lay on His breast. Christ who died, risen in Paradise, Giver of mercy, Giver of life.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⊕ CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God:

You created the world, and it was good.

But our first parents fell into sin,

And we have inherited their corruption.

And we have inherited their corruption.



We confess that we have turned our backs on you;
We have served our own idols;
We have sought our own glory.
Forgive our sin, O God,
And renew us by your grace,
That we might be agents of redemption in the world,
In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 145:7-9

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all,

and his mercy is over all that he has made.

⊕ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

® SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Heal Us, Emmanuel William Cowper (1779), Kevin Twitt, Lucas Morton (2010)

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are! We long to feel Thy touch. Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior, hear our cry.

Our faith is feeble, we confess- we faintly trust Thy word; But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief; "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole, Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace; Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may; O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

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."



'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

CHANGED BY GOD

† PRAYER OF RENEWAL

◆ SCRIPTURE READING // Genesis 12:1-4, 15:7-21

^{12:1} Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

^{15:7} And [God] said to [Abram], "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and after-

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.



ward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: A Covenantal God

Title: Abraham

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

All the Stars Caroline Cobb (2013)

You followed me out to desert places, leaving all familiar faces To a land I willI show you, promise you.
Lift your eyes and look around you,
Know my promise will be found true:
All the land you see will your children's be.

And all the stars in the big, big sky,
And all the sand in the oceans wide
Will not outnumber, will not outnumber you.
All the people in the big, big world,
All the nations of the earth
They will wonder, they will wonder at you.

From your blood shall come kings, everlasting, everlasting. My covenant will be steadfast and free. From you shall come many nations and generations, They will be my lot, and I will their God.

But up on the mountain the stars lose their light, An ocean of sorrow s you raise the knife. But I will remember and I will provide The blood for the altar and raise up his life. Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.

This sermon is part of a series called "Covenantal God", in which we are exploring the character of God, which we see in His many promises to His people.

For past sermons, please visit our website.

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).



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.

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.



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.

Canaan Bound A. Peterson, B. Shive (2003)

Sarah, take me by my arm,
Tomorrow we are Canaan bound.
Where westward sails the golden sun
And Hebron's hills are amber crowned.

So bid your troubled heart be still; The grass, they say, is soft and green, The trees are tall and honey-filled, So, Sarah, come and walk with me.

Like the stars across the heavens flung, Like water in the desert sprung, Like the grains of sand, our many sons, Oh, Sarah, fair and barren one, Come to Canaan, come. I trembled at the voice of God, A voice of love and thunder deep. With love He means to save us all, And Love has chosen you and me.

Long after we are dead and gone, A thousand years our tale be sung; How faith compelled and bore us on, How barren Sarah bore a son, So come to Canaan, come.

Where westward sails the golden sun And Hebron's hills are amber crowned. Oh, Sarah, fair and barren one, Come to Canaan, come.

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 // 2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

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.