



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ GATHERING SONG

All Ye Refugees *Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (2014)*

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation sings you home...

Welcome home, gather round, all ye refugees, come in.

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.
My body and my blood, the healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice...

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 105:1-3

Leader: O Give thanks to the Lord!

Call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him,
tell all of his wonderful works!
Glory in his holy name!**

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.

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 initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, 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".*

⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

Oh! Great Is Our God! *Brian Eichelberger (2009)*

Oh! Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King!
So lift your voices loud as we sing.

Oh! Great is our God! So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give.

*We will sing your praise and pour forth your fame,
We will bless your name!
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!*

Oh! Great is our God! And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness.
His mercy covers all that He's made,
Showing His glory and His grace.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God,
you have called us to glorify your name
through our love for you and for one another.
We confess that our praise is more on our lips than with our lives.
We profess repentance while we resist change;
We talk of peace while we prepare for war;
We sing of love but we curse our enemies;
We pray your will be done but insist on our way.

Have mercy upon us, tender God,
and cleanse and forgive our selfish ways.
May Jesus Christ, who came long ago,
come once more into our lives.
Help us to be at peace with you,
one another, and ourselves as members of your kingdom,
which is now at hand—through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*** time for silent confession ***



⬇ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⊕ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Jesus, Priceless Treasure *Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863) music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
Long my heart was burning,
Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me:
Take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Fire may flash and thunder crash;
But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness,
Then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
Though the clouds will gather,
Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
Though we bear much sorrow here,
Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
Pain or loss or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

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.

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.”



*Responding to grace:
After being reminded
of God's lavish grace
and love toward us, we
respond by celebrating
with singing.*

It Is Well *Horatio Spafford (1873), Todd Fields (2007)*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*It is well, it is well, through the storms I am held
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
It is well, it is well, God has won, Christ prevailed
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*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 read-
ing of Scripture, then, is a
sacred act that deserves
our full attention and fo-
cus. Especially in our age,
we must discipline our-
selves to listen to readings
for longer periods of time,
for God's Word is food for
our soul.*

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access



in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon- Daniel Northrup
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① GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Peace (Agnus Dei) *Rich Mullins, Beaker (1993)*

Though we're strangers, still I love you,
I love you more than your mask.
And you know you have to trust this to be true,
And I know that's much to ask.
But lay down your fears, come and join this feast;
He has called us here, you and me.

*And may peace rain down from heaven, like little pieces of the sky,
Little keepers of the promise
Falling on these souls this drought has dried.
In His Blood and in His Body, in the Bread and in this Wine
Peace to you, peace of Christ to you.*

And though I love you, still we're strangers,
Prisoners in these lonely hearts.
And though our blindness separates us,
Still His light shines in the dark.
And His outstretched arms are still strong enough to reach
Behind these prison bars to set us free...

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This sermon is part of a series examining how the elements of our liturgy can shape and transform both our personal lives and life together in community.

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).*



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. **And also with you.**

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

All: God of all Good, we bless You for the means of grace; teach us to see in them Your loving purposes and the joy and strength of our souls. You have prepared for us a feast; and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests, We wholly rest on the merits of Jesus.

Minister: While we gaze upon the emblems of our Savior's death, may we ponder why he died, and hear him say,

All: 'I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself an offering to pay for your sin, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clear, endured your curses to set you free, bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'

Minister: In the supper we remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory. 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 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.

As the outward elements nourish our bodies, so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls, until that day when we hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast.

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.

Behold The Lamb *Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend (2007)*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember.
His wounds that heal, His death that brings us life, cursed of God to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember.
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice.
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we will proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.



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: 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.

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.

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