



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 20, 2019

CALLED BY GOD

⬆️ GATHERING SONG

Almighty God *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy,
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
With gratitude we raise our song to You.
Come and fill the praises of Your people,
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us,
But Your river deep floods over everything.

⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // from Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

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.*

An Invitation

*The Call to Worship is
sometimes called the In-
vitation 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, wel-
comed 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".*

*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.*

⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

Our Great God *Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, Who rules them by His Word.

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Our good and generous Father,
We are a people desperate for a word of blessing and approval.
We confess that we seek this affirmation from many sources,
And most times we are left feeling hollow and unfulfilled.

We look to relationships, jobs, success, recognition,
And moral achievement in our attempts to receive approval.
When these leave us empty,
We respond by working harder, or in self-contempt.

Holy Spirit, work in us, we pray,
To receive your benediction- Your "good word" - over us:
That through Christ, we are known, loved, invited, and accepted.
Heal our shame and form us into a community which celebrates
The free gift of grace offered in Jesus.

We ask this in the name of Christ, who bore our curse
So that we could receive His blessing...



*** time for silent confession ***

⬇️ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // from Psalm 34

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
The LORD redeems his servants;
no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⬆️ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Balm of Gilead *Mike Crawford (2011)*

We hope in the Lord, though we've never seen;
Our faith carries us in this in-between.
We peer thru the mist of eternity;
We walk with You, Lord, though we dimly see.
You're a reservoir of love, the depth none can perceive,
Whose width is double that as any eye has seen
And the strength that love conveys is blinding as it heals
And the balm of Gilead is hidden in its waves.

We wait on You, Lord, are You coming soon?
We've heard the great hope – You'll make all things new.
You long to gather us like a mother hen;
Sons and daughters all are we, You have called us friend.

You're a steady beam of light, a prism we become,
And as we look to You all colours come undone.
Illuminate our hearts, give us eyes to see:
The Balm of Gilead that's hidden in Your rays,
The Balm of Gilead is lighting up our ways,
The Balm of Gilead is healing everything!

You're a super-celling storm with danger in the clouds,
And lightning coming fast, the thunder is Your sound.
And You're swirling all around: this we perceive as pain,
But the Balm of Gilead is hidden in the rain.
The Balm of Gilead is quenching us with rain.

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.



Come Thou Fount *John Wyeth (1813), Robert Robinson (1758)*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it-- name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place,
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to Thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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.

Jim Osborne is a practicing physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been a regular part of the teaching team at Hope.

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.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Numbers 6:22-27

²² Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

²⁴ The Lord bless you, and keep you;

²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;

²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'

²⁷ So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

Sermon- Jim Osborne
Series: Practical Transformation
Title: Benediction



⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

The Joy of Jesus *Rich Mullins, Lowell Alexander and Phil Naish*

May the grace of my God be with you,
May the grace of my God be with you,
May you know the grace of my God
And may the grace of my God be with you.

May the love of my Lord be with you,
May the love of my Lord be with you,
May you know the love of my Lord
And may the love of my Lord be with you.

And may you dance and laugh and sing,
May you know the warmth of His embrace;
May you feel the brush of angel wings,
Like the wind upon your face

May the joy of Jesus be with you,
May the joy of Jesus be with you,
May you know the joy of Jesus
And may the joy of Jesus be with you.

⤵ 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.'**

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.

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.

The Goodness of Jesus *Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Harrison Druery,
Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (2018)*

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come, you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

How Great Is Your Faithfulness Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2011)

Now unto the king who reigns over all,
And never changes or turns.
Unfailing justice, unfading grace,
Whose promises remain. Yes, Your promises remain.

*The heavens ring, the saints all sing, "Great is your faithfulness!"
From age to age we will proclaim, "Great is your faithfulness,
How great is your faithfulness!"*

Everything changes, but your stay the same;
Your word and kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that you are,
And trust forevermore, we will trust forevermore.

From generation to generation, You never fail us, oh God!
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day you return.

⤴ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤴ BLESSING & SENDING // Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$9,769
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Oct 13)	\$348,869
Given to Date	\$366,567
Over/[Under]	\$17,698

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$459,000
Needed:	\$441,000
Given to date:	\$101,971

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Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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.