



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // FEBRUARY 23, 2020

CALLED BY GOD

⬆ GATHERING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)
arr. and chorus by Michael Van Patter (2010)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, Praise the Lord!*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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.*

Why a "call to worship"?

*Worship is something we
offer to God every day of
our lives in everything that
we do. If we are worship-
ing as we come in the
church doors, why do we
have a Call to Worship?
Implied in the phrase is
the word "corporate."
When we hear the Call to
(corporate) Worship, we
are called by God as one
community to worship
Him together.*

*What is unique about
Sunday is not that we
worship on that day and
not others; it is that we
worship together.*

*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 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

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.

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.



CLEANSSED BY GOD

Ⓢ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, it's easy for us to talk about your kingdom.
But for many of us, your kingdom seems
distant from the way we live our lives.

We confess our distractedness.
We get so caught up into trying to make our lives work
that often the noise of our lives drowns out everything else.
For many of us, we keep ourselves hyper-busy
to avoid thinking about our pain.
We live in constant state of escape
because, in our hearts, we don't think you
can really enter into our lives.
Forgive us, we pray.

We confess our distance.
We are so afraid of having you enter into our lives
because it would take us out of control.
We don't trust you with our priorities, our schedules,
our money, our relationships,
our children, our bodies, or our reputations.
Forgive us, we pray.

Father, you have said that your Kingdom
makes all things new. Prove it to us.
Meet us where we are and enter our lives.
We ask this not because we deserve it,
but because Christ has earned it for us on the cross.

*** time for silent confession ***

Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Colossian 1:18-20

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself
all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his
cross.

Ⓤ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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.*

*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

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

*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](https://www.instagram.com/HopeChapel) (note: contributions
made through Venmo are not
receipted for tax purposes).



Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

How Great Thou Art *Carl Boberg (1885), Swedish folk melody*

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
And I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

Ⓢ 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!

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Jeremiah 32:9-10, 15-17, 24-27

⁹ "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'

¹⁶ "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying: ¹⁷ 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

²⁴ Behold, the siege mounds have come up to the city to take it, and because of sword and famine and pestilence the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. What you spoke has come to pass, and behold, you see it. ²⁵ Yet you, O Lord God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"—though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans."

²⁶ The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: ²⁷ "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

Sermon- Jake Henry

Series: Let's Run with the Horses (Vision 2020)

Title: Is Anything Too Hard for God?

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.

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This sermon is part of our annual Vision Series, where we gather around our calling as a church community.

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.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

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: 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.

Can't Help Myself *Words & Music: Sandra McCracken (2010)*

I confess the things I am afraid of:
thorns and danger just around the bend.
I pray for tongues of fire and bands of angels
to come and circle 'round me like a fence.

*I lift my eyes to the hills; where comes my help?
I lift my hands, empty hands,
I can't help myself, I can't help myself,
No, I can't help myself.*

My enemies surround me like an army;
within, without, the battle's raging on.
I pray the Spirit will be strong and mighty
for courage through the night until the dawn.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Faithful One *Randall Goodgame (2014)*

Faithful One, we lift our praise
Toward your light we turn our gaze.
The weight of sin is bearing down,
We need your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,
You never fail to raise the sun, Faithful One.
Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,
Not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live
By the peace you freely give.
When lesser things seduce my eyes,
Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear
Kinship with the royal heir.
You broke the bread, you poured the wine,
Now I am yours and you are mine.

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: Go now, knowing that all our God and Father asks of us,
He provides through the power of His Spirit
and through the work of His Son.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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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.