



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // MARCH 1, 2020 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CALLED BY GOD

⬆ GATHERING SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed, washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in his great love. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him.

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.

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.

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 worshipping 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 // based on Is 43:19-21

Leader: Lord God, in this season of Lent,
we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death
and our celebration of His resurrection.
We pray that Your Spirit will renew in us today
our anticipation for these events
and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection
are a sure source of hope and life.
In the power of Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**All: We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship Him, and we rejoice!
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! We rejoice!**

Ⓣ 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.



CLEANSSED BY GOD

Ⓢ CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: There are many times we think we love You well, O God.
But upon hearing Your call to love You with all our heart,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
we confess that our love for You is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.

**All: Our love seems pure only for brief moments;
soon our affections are drawn away.
How easily our devotion dies.**

Leader: Forgive us;
in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for You;
in grace rekindle our love for You in seeing anew Your love for us.

**All: Jesus, we choose you.
Give us the courage to forsake all others.
Give us the joy of living with an undivided heart.
Give us such a profound intimacy with you,
that all other opinions are of no consequence.
Jesus, you died that we would be entirely yours again.**

Leader: Set us free from ourselves
and complete the work you have begun,
that we might enjoy you and show forth your beauty,
as your cherished ones. In your power,

All: Amen.

*** time for silent confession ***

Ⓢ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 66:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

Ⓢ 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

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

*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 (note: contributions made through
Venmo are not receipted
for tax purposes).*



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.

The Lord Is My Joy Nathan Partain (2008)

The Lord is my joy...
When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.
The Lord is my strength...
When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing King,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
The Lord is my delight...
Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Revelation 2:1-7

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: Then and Now:

Encouragements and Warnings to the Church

Title: Letter to the Church in Ephesus

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Lesser Loves Trent Dabbs, Kate York, Isaac Wardell (2015)

I was a prisoner; You held the key.
The door was opened; You welcomed me.
Oh I was guilty of every crime,
but you took my place and you did my time.

*How can I thank you, Lord? My broken heart, You have restored.
How can I thank you, Lord? You give me grace I cannot afford.*

I was an enemy but You made me a guest;
You spread a table in the wilderness.
Beside the waters, You filled my cup,
O how I have settled for lesser loves

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 our Lent series based on the letters in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

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

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: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: Amen.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,
**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. 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.

All I Have Is Christ *Jordan Kauflin (2008)*

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah - all I have is Christ! Hallelujah - Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Be Thou My Vision *Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish folk melody*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!
Thou and Thou only first in my heart;
High King of heavne, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: May our Faithful God, who has promised never to leave or forsake you, fill you with all joy and peace in Christ, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.