



# **Hope Chapel**

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // JULY 12, 2020

*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".*

*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.*



## PREPARATION // based on Philippians 2:6-8

Come church and all creation, let us worship our Savior Jesus Christ. Who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

## CALLED BY GOD

### Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 86:8-10

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.

**All: All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.**

**For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

### Ⓣ 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.

# CLEANSSED BY GOD

## ⤴ CONFSSION OF SIN (10:30am service only)

Father, our hearts, minds, and hands  
still need your cleansing and renewal.  
This week has only further proven how much  
we need your grace, your mercy, your love, and your forgiveness.

So we come to you on the basis of who you are and not who we are.  
We are thankful for what your Son has done for us  
through His life, death, and resurrection.  
His work on our behalf is a solid rock that does not change;  
and on it alone that we stand.

Because of Him, forgive us of our many sins.  
Forgive us of our proud, stony hearts—  
hearts that do not love You and do not love others,  
Hearts that are fearful, insecure, and shrunken.  
Forgive us and cleanse us for Jesus' sake.  
Forgive us and restore us to you, we pray.

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 145:13-14

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

## ↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Why 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, offer-  
ings 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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give),  
or give through Venmo to  
@HopeChapel (note: con-  
tributions made through  
Venmo are not receipted  
for tax purposes).*

## Ⓢ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

## Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)**  
*Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In e'v'ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

**God with Us** *Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan (2012)*

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us.  
You've come to breathe life, to be light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior,  
In Your presence we find our strength.  
Over everything, our redemption;  
God with us, You are God with us.*

You've come to be hope to this world, for Your honor and name.  
You've come to take sin, to bear shame and to conquer the grave.  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.



# CHANGED BY GOD

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Mark 4:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that

"they may indeed see but not perceive,  
and may indeed hear but not understand,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven."

<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

*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 a series on the New Testament book of Mark.*

*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.*

## **Sermon-** Jim Osborne Series: The Gospel of Mark Title: Parable of Seeds

### Ⓣ COMMUNION (10:30am service only)

**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.

## 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.

## SENT BY GOD

### ⤴ SENDING SONG

**Seeds of the Kingdom** *Wendell Kimbrough (2017)*

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;  
Far and wide, He announces new birth:  
"I, the Lord of Creation, am making new  
every inch of the groaning earth!"



Like the smallest of seeds in the winter  
is the Kingdom of God as its sown;  
But the powers of hell shall against it fail  
when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,  
and we long for our King to appear,  
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,  
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom  
in the hearts of the poor and the weak.  
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:  
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:  
from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.  
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,  
Where the nations are healed and restored!

**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.*

↔ **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

<b>Given Last Week:</b>	\$9,587	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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