



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // AUGUST 30, 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 147:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**All: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

⬆ 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

Ⓢ CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess
we dishonor you by our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength we stumble;
proclaiming our own goodness we sin;
glorying in our own righteousness
we corrupt everything we touch.
We turn from you, and desire lasting satisfaction
from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,
cleanse the darkness from our lives,
turn our faces toward you.
In the name of your most precious son,
Jesus Christ, we pray.

** time for silent confession **

Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 77:14-15

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Ⓢ PASSING OF THE PEACE

NEW MEMBERS JOIN

*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

⤴ 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).*

The Lion and the Lamb *Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)*

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break,
As broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Thy Mercy, My God *John Stocker (1776), Sandra McCracken (2001)*

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.



CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 1:1-22

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

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 a series
on the Old Testament
book of Exodus.*

*For past sermons, please
visit our website.*

Sermon- Todd Jones
Series: Let My People Go
Title: Persecution of Israel

SERMON NOTES:



⬇️ COMMUNION

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

⬆️ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

⬆️ 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.

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.*



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.

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 the peace of God,
 which transcends all understanding,
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week: \$8,102
Required to Date \$358,496
 (Jan. 1 - Aug 16)
Given to Date \$313,542
Over/[Under] [\$44,954]

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal: \$900,000
Pledged: \$461,611
Needed: \$438,389
Given to date: \$209,862

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 plate on Sundays or mailed to:
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 908 N. Josephine Boyd St
 Greensboro, NC 27408

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