



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // JANUARY 17, 2021

CALLED BY GOD

⤴ Glory to God

James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)

Glory to God on high,
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!
Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
Tell what His arm has done,
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
Join in one song of love, praise His name!
To Him ascribed be
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 89:52 - 90:2

All: Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

**People: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

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".

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 community and individually.

What is lament?

The author Dan Allender says lament "is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him" and goes on to say that lament is "the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness."



⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

Arise and Sing *Brenton Brown, Jason Ingram, and Marty Sampson (2012)*

There is a King, a risen King; radiant, He reigns in majesty.
He conquered death, it has no sting,
And at His word we will rise and sing.

*Arise, we will arise and sing!
Arise, we will arise and sing!*

Come awake, rise from the ground,
Open your eyes and see what you have found.
Come awake, oh you who sleep,
Search no more, for He is all we need.

Beautiful, beautiful, there is not one,
there is not one who is so beautiful!

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, You command us to follow you,
But we do not obey.
You call us to worship you,
But we do not listen.
You invite us to repent,
But we do not turn to you.

Though you have forgiven us,
We do not forgive our enemies.
Though you have loved us,
We fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We acknowledge our sin
And confess our weakness.
Though we are faithless,
You are always faithful!
Please forgive us for Jesus' sake,
And change us by your Holy Spirit.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤴ SONG OF LAMENT

Our Song in the Night (Psalm 77) *Michael Van Patter (2014)*

In the darkness, can you hear us?
When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children?
When we remember you, we groan.
But our hearts cannot be silent...

*God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone.
God, be our joy, be our strength, be our sheltering place;
Our song in the night.*

We are broken- are we forsaken?
Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history,
Is it abandoned and undone?
Oh our hearts cannot be silent...

"Man of Sorrows", what a name
For the Son of God, who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea
The waters trembled, and you made a way
You raised Your arm and led them to dry land
Lord, will You hear us when we say
That our hearts cannot be silent

⤵ 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.

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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."



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).

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

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Living Hope *Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham (2017)*

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to Heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written;
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of angels stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope!*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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 14:5-20

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What is this that we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" ⁶ So he had horses harnessed to his chariot and took his people with him; ⁷ and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸ So the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out boldly. ⁹ Then the Egyptians chased after them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were coming after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness!"

¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will perform for you today; for the Egyptians whom you

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.



have seen today, you will never see them again, ever. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, while you keep silent.”

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ As for you, lift up your staff and reach out with your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land. ¹⁷ And as for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ Then the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots, and through his horsemen.”

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰ So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Therefore the one did not approach the other all night.

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This sermon is part of a series on the Old Testament book of Exodus. For past sermons, please visit our website.

Sermon- Jim Osborne
Series: Let My People Go
Title: Pharaoh's Pursuit

⬇️ COMMUNION

Minister: Is the Father with us? **All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Christ among us? **All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Spirit here? **All: He is.**

Minister: This is our God: **All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Minister: We are His people: **All: We are redeemed by His grace.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

**** institution of elements ****



Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

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.

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.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

We Will Feast *Sandra McCracken (2014)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things", we will sing together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // Number 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 turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

YEAR-END SUMMARY

Given Last Week: \$9,552
Required to Date \$548,288
(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Given to Date \$524,053
Over/[Under] [\$24,235]

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal: \$900,000
Pledged: \$461,611
Needed: \$383,908
Given to date: \$359,803

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