



# **Hope Chapel**

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

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## WHAT IS LITURGY?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

*adapted from City Church Philadelphia*

### *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.*

## PRAYER OF 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 40:28-31

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

**All: He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.**

Leader: Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

**All: They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.**

## Ⓣ SONG OF PRAISE

**This Is My Father's World** *Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English melody*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring.  
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

*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".*



# CLEANSED BY GOD

*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."*



## ⤴ CONFSSION OF SIN

Glorious God:  
We confess before You  
The sin of being under-whelmed by who You are.

Your glory doesn't captivate us like it should.  
Your holiness doesn't humble us like it should.  
Your love doesn't comfort us like it should.

And so we ask you to forgive us  
And reveal your glory to us again,  
That we might see it together and rejoice,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Philippians 2:6-8

[Jesus], who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

## ↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE

# CELEBRATING GOD

## ⬆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

○ **For a Thousand Tongues** *Charles Wesley (1739), Michael Van Patter (2011)*

○ for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Oh that I had a thousand tongues to sing Your praise,  
My grateful heart would tell the stories of Your grace,  
So with my life and every breath, I will worship You.*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

○ **Come and Tear Down the Walls** *Jenny Wahlström, Mark Alan Schoolmeesters (2016)*

Come and tear down the walls I've built up,  
Every wall I've built up, every wall I've built up.  
Cause You deserve every piece of my heart,  
Every piece of my heart, every piece of my heart.

Lord, I am trusting that You are a faithful Father  
And all that you have, it is good.  
You're a generous giver,  
Your love's like no other,  
Won't you come and break through to me ...

Over and over and over again,  
I am bringing my heart to You with open hands.  
Closer and closer, You're drawing me in,  
As the depths of my heart lay before You again.

*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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



# CHANGED BY 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.*

*Daniel is Hope Chapel's associate pastor for youth, outreach, and assimilation.*

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

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

### ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? <sup>23</sup> For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

**Sermon-** Daniel Northrup  
Series: Let My People Go  
Title: Moses Protests

## ⤵ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

**All: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament**

**You give substance to our hope.**

**May this meal be to us a comfort in**

**affliction, and a pledge of our**

**inheritance in that kingdom**

**where there is no death, sorrow,**

**or tears, but the fullness of joy**

**with all Your saints;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

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: 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.

### *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

**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

### ⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

### ⤵ 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

## OPERATING BUDGET

<b>Given Last Week:</b>	\$11,911
<b>Required to Date</b> (Jan. 1 - Nov 1)	\$463,936
<b>Given to Date</b>	\$415,553
<b>Over/[Under]</b>	[\$48,403]

Gifts can be placed in the offering  
plate on Sundays or mailed to:

Hope Chapel  
908 N. Josephine Boyd St  
Greensboro, NC 27408

### **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.*

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We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.