



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 11, 2020

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

by Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto me

Open unto me—light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me—hope for my despair.
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me—love for my hates.
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

CALLED BY GOD

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the Son above!



Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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 worshiping 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.

⌚ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 77:13-15, 95:1

Leader: Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God?

All: You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.
With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

All: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

What is unique about Sunday is not that we worship on that day and not others; it is that we worship together.

⌚ 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.

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.

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 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."*

CLEANSED BY GOD

⊕ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we come to you now
confessing that our deepest problem
is that we do not believe you love us.
We do not sit still and give in to your advances.
We think ourselves unworthy of your love—
not believing the sacrifice of Christ has made us lovely in your sight.

Because we do not receive the love you freely offer us,
we seek it out in other places.

We have wandered far from home in search of love.

So we come back to you now.
Do not just receive us, but delight in us.
Embrace us, sing over us.
We ask this solely on the basis of
what Christ has done for us.

** time for silent confession **

⊖ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

⊖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

⊕ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Blessed Assurance Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.



*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

How Great Is the Love *Paul Baloche (2009)*

Thank You for the way that You love us, how You love us.
Thank You for the way You have made us.
We were created for Your pleasure,
For Your presence, for the glory of Your name
Thank You for the way that You love us.

*Jesus, Faithful King, Lord with grateful hearts we sing,
How great is the love, how great is the love of our Savior!
The weight of the cross, the curse of our shame,
You carried it all and rose from the grave,
How great is the love, how great is the love of our Savior!*

Thank You for the grace that has saved us, You forgave us,
Thank You for the way You have freed us.
We have been ransomed, We've been rescued
We've been purchased with the price of Your own life.
Thank You for the way that You love us.

Soul Will Sing *Paul Baloche (2009)*

Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...
Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...
Hallelujah, oh my soul will sing...
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You reign forever, oh my soul will sing...

You brought me over, oh my soul will sing...

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).



CHANGED BY GOD

↑ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

↓ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 4:1-9

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 Old Testament book of Exodus. For past sermons, please visit our website.

¹ Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’” ² The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” ³ And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. ⁴ But the Lord said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—⁵ “that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” ⁶ Again, the Lord said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. ⁷ Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. ⁸ “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. ⁹ If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

Sermon- Daniel Northrup

Series: Let My People Go

Title: Powerful Signs



④ 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.

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

④ SENDING SONG

In Christ Alone Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.



In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

↑ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

⊖ BLESSING & SENDING

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.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$22,148
Required to Date	\$421,760
(Jan. 1 - Oct 4)	
Given to Date	\$378,468
Over/[Under]	[\$43,292]

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal:	\$900,000	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Pledged:	\$461,611	
Needed:	\$438,389	Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$218,340	908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408

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