



# **Hope Chapel**

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // OCTOBER 25, 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

### *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.*

### **Oh Our Lord** *Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)*

We behold the rising sun,  
The earth awakes, Your hope has come.  
As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the breaking dawn,  
The light that shines over everyone.  
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

*Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain,  
Like waters rise, flood this place,  
We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness!  
Oh, Your name is the word of truth!  
Oh, Your name, oh Your name!



## ⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 8:1-4

Leader: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is  
your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

**All: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?**

Leader : You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**All: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## ⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

**You Are With Me** *Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)*

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.  
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.  
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"  
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning  
Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,  
You've been behind me, You go before.  
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.  
I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.  
You bring these bones back to life, You put together.  
You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised,  
I will, I will wait!

*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.*

*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

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## ⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in Heaven:  
we confess that we are prodigals.  
we have run away from you  
in pursuit of pleasures that do not satisfy.

We have spurned your love  
and wasted your gifts,  
Only to find ourselves alone, empty, and unfulfilled.

Please bring us to the end of ourselves,  
and help us return to you,  
that we might live in joy and freedom  
as your beloved sons and daughters,  
through Jesus our Lord...

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

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

## ↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE



# CELEBRATING GOD

## ⤴ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Balm of Gilead** *Mike Crawford (2011)*

We hope in the Lord, though we've never seen;  
Our faith carries us in this in-between.  
We peer thru the mist of eternity;  
We walk with You, Lord, though we dimly see.

*You're a reservoir of love, the depth none can perceive,  
Whose width is double that as any eye has seen  
And the strength that love conveys is blinding as it heals  
And the balm of Gilead is hidden in its waves.*

We wait on You, Lord, are You coming soon?  
We've heard the great hope - You'll make all things new.  
You long to gather us like a mother hen;  
Sons and daughters all are we, You have called us friend.

*You're a steady beam of light, a prism we become,  
And as we look to You all colours come undone.  
Illuminate our hearts, give us eyes to see:  
The Balm of Gilead that's hidden in Your rays,  
The Balm of Gilead is lighting up our ways,  
The Balm of Gilead is healing everything!*

*You're a super-celling storm with danger in the clouds,  
And lightning coming fast, the thunder is Your sound.  
And You're swirling all around: this we perceive as pain,  
But the Balm of Gilead is hidden in the rain.  
The Balm of Gilead is quenching us with rain.*

**All the Poor and Powerless** *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2010)*

All the poor and powerless, all the lost and lonely,  
All the thieves will come confess,  
And know that You are holy, and know that You are holy.

*And all will sing out, hallelujah!  
And we will cry out, hallelujah!*

All the hearts who are content, all who feel unworthy,  
All who hurt with nothing left,  
Will know that You are holy.

**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

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 4:18-31

*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.*

<sup>18</sup> Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." <sup>19</sup> And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." <sup>20</sup> So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go." <sup>22</sup> Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, <sup>23</sup> and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'"

<sup>24</sup> At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. <sup>25</sup> Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!"

<sup>26</sup> So he let him alone. It was then that she said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. <sup>28</sup> And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. <sup>29</sup> Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. <sup>30</sup> Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. <sup>31</sup> And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

**Sermon-** Daniel Northrup  
Series: Let My People Go  
Title: The Deliverer Goes to Egypt



## Ⓣ 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

## ⤴ SENDING SONG

**All Must Be Well** *Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)*

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

## ↻ 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:** \$8,214  
**Required to Date** \$442,848  
(Jan. 1 - Oct 11)  
**Given to Date** \$395,041  
**Over/[Under]** [\$47,807]

## ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

**Goal:** \$900,000  
**Pledged:** \$461,611  
**Needed:** \$438,389  
**Given to date:** \$233,696

Gifts can be placed in the offering  
plate on Sundays or mailed to:  
Hope Chapel  
908 N. Josephine Boyd St  
Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)  
We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

### *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.*