



# **Hope Chapel**

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // SEPTEMBER 13, 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

**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!



## Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 65:1-4, 8

Leader: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.  
When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.

**All: Blessed are those you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.**

Leader: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
**All: where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.**

## Ⓢ SONG OF PRAISE

**Our Great God** *Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,  
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

*Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, Who rules them by His Word.

*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.*

*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

## ⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Creator God:

We confess our tendency

To chase after idols.

We may not bow down

Before images of gold, silver, and wood;

Yet our heart's inclination is fundamentally the same.

We replace Creator with creation

And look for life, meaning, and joy In temporary things.

Forgive us, redeem us,

And cause us to worship only You,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Titas 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but accord-  
ing to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the  
Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Sav-  
ior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to  
the hope of eternal life.

## ↻ PASSING OF THE PEACE



# CELEBRATING GOD

## ⬆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Great Are You Lord** *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2013)*

You give life, You are love,  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.  
Great are You, Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

All the earth will shout Your praise,  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord!

**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

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 2:11-22

*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.*

<sup>11</sup> One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. <sup>12</sup> He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." <sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

<sup>16</sup> Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup> When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" <sup>19</sup> They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." <sup>20</sup> He said to his daughters, "Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." <sup>21</sup> And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. <sup>22</sup> She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

**Sermon-** Todd Jones

Series: Let My People Go

Title: Flight of a Deliverer

*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.*



## ⬇️ 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.

#### *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

#### Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.



*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

**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: 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

Given Last Week: \$14,241  
Required to Date \$379,584  
(Jan. 1 - Sep 6)  
Given to Date \$335,169  
Over/[Under] [\$44,415]

## ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal: \$900,000  
Pledged: \$461,611  
Needed: \$438,389  
Given to date: \$218,340

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

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