



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // SEPTEMBER 20, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi (1225), tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: Great and marvelous are Your deeds,
Lord, God Almighty.
Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, O Lord,
and bring glory to Your name?
For You alone are holy.

**All: All nations will come and worship before You,
for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Ⓢ SONG OF PRAISE

O For a Thousand Tongues *Charles Wesley (1739), chorus: Michael Van Patter (2011)*

O 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.

*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

Eternal God:

We confess that often we have failed
To be an obedient church.

We have not done your will;
We have broken your law;
We have rebelled against your love;
We have not loved our neighbors;
We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

** time for silent confession **

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Psalm 66:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE



CELEBRATING GOD

⬆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

The Lord Is My Joy *Nathan Partain (2008)*

The Lord is my joy...
When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.
The Lord is my strength...
When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing King,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
The Lord is my delight...
Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Anchor of Hope *Brown Bannister, Ellie Holcomb (2011)*

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God,
Author of all that is good.
Faithful provider and giver of life,
Source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!
Refuge of strength to the end.
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men.*

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).



Gracious, compassionate, merciful God,
Radiant, holy delight.
Beautiful Father, victorious Son,
Source of unchangeable light.

You are light in the dark,
You are healing for the broken heart.
You are hope, you are Lord,
You are life, you are love that endures.

Powerful, constant, unwavering God,
Shepherd who comes for the lost.
Rock of salvation, remarkable love,
Savior who died on the Cross.

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!
Refuge of strength to the end.
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men.*

*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 read-
ing of Scripture, then, is a
sacred act that deserves
our full attention and fo-
cus. Especially in our age,
we must discipline our-
selves to listen to readings
for longer periods of time,
for God's Word is food for
our soul.*

*Todd is Hope Chapel's
founding/lead pastor.*

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

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 2:23-25

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: Let My People Go

Title: God Hears the Cries of His People



Ⓣ 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

Your Labor Is Not in Vain *Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)*

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
but your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.



*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name;
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

**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: \$9,134
Required to Date \$390,128
(Jan. 1 - Sep 6)
Given to Date \$344,303
Over/[Under] [\$45,825]

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

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

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