



# **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*

## 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 // from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God

**All: For He is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The Lord builds up His people;

He gathers them together out of exile.

**All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: The Lord determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.

**All: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
His understanding has no limit.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God with instruments and voices.

**All: For He delights in those who fear Him,  
who put their hope in His unfailing love.**

## ⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

**All Ye Refugees** *Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (2014)*

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,  
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation sings you home...

*Welcome home, gather round,  
All ye refugees, come in.*

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,  
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.  
My body and my blood, the healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,  
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,  
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice...

*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.*

*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

## ⤴ CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Almighty God,  
We confess that we have  
grown sinfully comfortable in the futility of this life.

We are cynical and suspicious of the hope of redemption.  
We work and see in it little of Your purpose.  
We play and see in it little of Your pleasure.  
We groan to be changed for the better  
and see in it little of Your promise.

Startle us we pray,  
with truth that will shake us  
and with love that will not let us go.

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

## ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## ↔ PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFICER ORDINATION



# CELEBRATING GOD

## ⬆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** *Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven;  
who, like me, His praise should sing?  
O Praise Him, O praise Him!  
Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
O Praise Him, O praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
O Praise Him, O praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy goes.

**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

## Ⓣ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 3:1-12

*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>1</sup> Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

**Sermon-** Daniel Northrup  
Series: Let My People Go  
Title: Call of a Deliverer

*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.*



## Ⓣ 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.**

### *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.*

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week: \$5,363  
Required to Date \$400,672  
(Jan. 1 - Sep 20)  
Given to Date \$349,665  
Over/[Under] [\$51,007]

## ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

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

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