



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // FEBRUARY 28, 2021

CALLED BY GOD

Ⓢ GATHERING SONG

Hail to the Lord's Anointed *James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

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.*



An Invitation

The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace.

Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus 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".

Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 97:1, 12

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

**All: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and praise his holy name.**

Ⓣ 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!
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.

*Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!
Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!*



CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

God our Father:
We confess that we fail to live In light of the coming,
 both past and future,
 of your Son Jesus Christ.

He came to redeem those under the law,
 but we live as those still under it.
You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 but we choose instead to live as slaves to our flesh.
You purchased our freedom
 and adopted us as your sons and daughters,
 but we fail to live out of our identity as Your children.

Forgive our fear and unbelief.
Help us to live as Your sons and daughters,
 heirs to Your Fatherly blessings,
 because of what Jesus has done for us.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

⤴ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

⤵ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 community 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."



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).

Responding to grace:
After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, 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.

Who You Say I Am *Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in;
Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me,
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*



Free at last, He has ransomed me;
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me,
I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon- Daniel Northrup
Series: Flourishing Together
Title: Embracing a Common Identity

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 our annual vision series. For past sermons, please visit our website.



Peace (Agnus Dei) *Rich Mullins, Beaker (1993)*

Though we're strangers, still I love you,
I love you more than your mask.
And you know you have to trust this to be true,
And I know that's much to ask.
But lay down your fears, come and join this feast;
He has called us here, you and me.

*And may peace rain down from heaven, like little pieces of the sky,
Little keepers of the promise
Falling on these souls this drought has dried.
In His Blood and in His Body, in the Bread and in this Wine
Peace to you, peace of Christ to you.*

And though I love you, still we're strangers,
Prisoners in these lonely hearts.
And though our blindness separates us,
Still His light shines in the dark.
And His outstretched arms are still strong enough to reach
Behind these prison bars to set us free...

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.

 **COMMUNION**

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**



Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise,
joining our voices with Your people on earth and all the company
of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**** institution of the elements ****

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Minister: Let us pray together:

**All: Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed,
that all the world may know His power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Behold The Lamb Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend (2007)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember.
His wounds that heal, His death that brings us life, cursed of God to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember.
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice.
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we will proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // 2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$7,319	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - Feb. 21)	\$85,088	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Given to Date	\$62,942	Hope Chapel
Over/[Under]	[\$22,146]	908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: 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.