



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // MARCH 28, 2021

CALLED BY GOD

⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 118:19-24

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us;
You have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become
the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud and Honor *Theodulf, Bishop of Orleans (820), trans. J.M. Neale (c. 1850)*

All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Created and Called.
We believe that God created humans to be in relationship with Him, and to worship Him as their Creator. But it's more than that. He is also a loving Father who is calling, or inviting His children to come near. God's is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!

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 community and individually.



Glory to God

James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing, Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)

Glory to God on high,
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!

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Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
Tell what His arm has done,
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
Join in one song of love, praise His name!
To Him ascribed be
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

King of Glory and Sustainer of the weary,
we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,
and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey.
We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.
We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor,
the hungry, the oppressed.
We trust in the promises of this world,
and not in your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.
Help us to have the same mind as Christ,
so we would know your promises;
help us to have the same heart as Christ,
so we might serve your children;
help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,
so we might go wherever you lead us.

*** time for silent confession of sin ***

⬇️ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // John 1:4-5, 12

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹² to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

⬆️ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

↔️ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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."

CELEBRATING GOD

⬆️ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

The Lion and the Lamb *Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)*

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break,
As broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?



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.

And Can It Be Charles Wesley (1738), Bob Kauflin, John E. Coats (1988)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?



CHANGED BY GOD

⬆️ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⬇️ SCRIPTURE READING // Ruth 1:22 - 2:23

^{1:22} So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

^{2:1} Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." ⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" ¹³ Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and

Church, City, World
Corporate prayer is an essential part of the worship and work of God's people. We pray for specific needs—naming and sometimes lamenting the brokenness in the world—mindful to ask a powerful and merciful help for the Church, the city, the world, and for one another.

The leader will end each section of the prayer by saying "Lord, in Your mercy..." and the congregation responds with "...Hear our prayer."

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.



dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." ²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." ²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" ²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." ²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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our website.*

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Series: Recovery and Reconnecting

Title: Act of Reconnecting: From Solitude to Community



⬇️ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
He took upon himself the weight of our
sin and carried the burden of our guilt.
He shared our life in every way,
and though tempted, was sinless to the end.
Baptized as Your own, He went willingly to his death
and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All: In his dying and rising,
You gave birth to Your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.**

Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine, and use these elements
to communicate to us the mercy of your Son,
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to You.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us
to die to ourselves, and live for Your glory,
now and forever, amen.**

*** institution of elements ***

Minister: God did not spare his own Son,
but gave Him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise You, God,
with our hearts and our voices,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

*What Is Communion?
What we do during
communion isn't merely a
symbolic act or a remem-
brance—it's more than that.
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
teaches us that we are
actually communing with
Christ Himself as we par-
take of the elements. We
mysteriously "participate
in the body and blood" of
Jesus. As we take commu-
nion, 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 wor-
ship guide).*

*We hope this time is help-
ful 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

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.

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: May our Faithful God, who has promised never
to leave or forsake you,
fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$15,599	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Required to Date (Jan. 1 - March 21)	\$127,632	
Given to Date	\$111,387	Hope Chapel
Over/[Under]	[\$16,245]	908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408

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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.