



Resurrection Sunday

Worship Guide

April 4, 2021



Welcome

When we gather on Sundays, we join as a diverse group—some are exploring Christianity, others are committed followers of Jesus, and still others are seeking to recover a sense of connection they had to God in the past. Wherever you are on the journey, Hope Chapel welcomes you.

About Us

Who is Hope Chapel?

Hope Chapel is a community of people who believe the Gospel (literally “good news”) of Jesus Christ— that we are loved and accepted by God through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In a world which is well acquainted with sadness, fear, loneliness, and hatred, we believe this Gospel brings hope and healing, and opens our eyes to see beauty in places of significant brokenness and suffering.

What are we about?

We are seeking to live out, in our words and actions, the teachings of Jesus by working for the spiritual, social, and cultural wellbeing of the university area of Greensboro, and the surrounding neighborhoods. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey— if you are skeptical or mildly curious about Christianity, or if you are a committed follower of Jesus— we are glad you are here.

This Morning

The style of our worship services could be described as informal and eclectic. We seek to incorporate a wide range of musical styles and instruments. Our liturgy includes prayers and readings from Scripture and a wide range of cultures and times. Our preaching team teaches reformed, Biblical, and gospel-centered sermons in a conversational style.

Many of us have significant “church baggage” and a Christian worship service can sometimes surface many questions and wounds related to religion. You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in our worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. We desire Hope Chapel to be a safe place for you to come and investigate the historic Christian faith.

Children are important to us at Hope Chapel. We currently provide nursery for ages 0-24 months and combined children's discipleship program for kids up to 5th grade.

For Reflection

Prayer of Preparation

God, we are witnesses of what Christ has done.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
He went about doing good and healing
all who were oppressed;
And You, God, were with him in every moment.

He allowed himself the full range
of human experience,
both of pain and death,
and of joy and resurrection.
He lived out his true calling here on the earth,
His authentic self and Imago Dei,
powerfully and fully,
with full presence, attention, and intention.

We ask for help as we strive to live in balance,
giving proper attention to Lent:
to lament, grief, and the realities of trauma,
but ultimately, to live as Easter People.

As Easter People, we believe
that Christ's work is complete,
that all spiritual resources are shared with us,
that we partake of the Divine Nature,
that healing and wholeness are our birthright,
that joy and freedom belong to us,
that our true selves are reflections of God,
that goodness and mercy follow us
our whole lives long,
that death is not an end, but a beginning.

Help us, God, to live in the reality of Resurrection,
being and behaving in every moment
as though the work -
of sacrifice,
of healing,
of bringing all things into Oneness-
is complete, now and forever!
Therefore we approach every experience,
interaction, and moment
with gratitude, peace, and joy. Amen.

(written by Fran Pratt)

Spring bursts to-day,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
Flash forth, thou Sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.
Winter is past,
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.
Bud, Fig and Vine,
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.
Break forth this morn
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.
Uplift thy head,
O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.
Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.
All Herds and Flocks
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, Creatures, sing,
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.
All notes of Doves
Fill all our world: this is the time of loves.

An Easter Carol, Christina Rossetti

The resurrection completes the inauguration
of God's kingdom. . . . It is the decisive event
demonstrating that God's kingdom really has
been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The
message of Easter is that God's new world has
been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're
now invited to belong to it.

- N.T. Wright

Practice resurrection.

-Wendell Berry

Easter Sunday Worship Guide

Called By God

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".

Known as the Paschal Greeting, the exchange of "Christ is risen" and "He is risen indeed!" is an Easter tradition practiced throughout the world. Its roots are in the conversations among the disciples after Jesus' resurrection (i.e. Luke 24:14-35).

⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // based on I Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Christ, who died, lives again! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**All: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.
**All: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

Hallelujah to the Risen King *Michael Van Patter (2021)*

Let us praise the Risen Christ,
Who conquered sin through sacrifice!
Death of death and hope of life;
Hallelujah to the Risen Christ!



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Charles Wesley (1739), *Lyra Davidica* (1708)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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.

Cleansed By God

⤴ CONFESSON OF SIN

Jesus, on this great day
When we celebrate Your victory over death,
we humbly confess our sin.
We admit that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves.
It's only through Your life, death and resurrection
That we can be freed from sin's bondage.

We are amazed by Your mercy toward us.
We thank You for saving us, freeing us,
and making us Your own.
Continue Your gracious work in us,
That we might be conformed to Your image...

*** time for silent confession ***



What are the "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 humankind—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).

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!



Ⓣ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // based on I Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: This is what the Lord says:
 "Death is swallowed in victory.
 O death, where is your victory?
 O death, where is your sting?"
 For sin is the sting that results in death.

All: But thank God! He has given us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: In Christ, our sins are forgiven, death has no grip on us, and we will share in His victory.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

Ⓣ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrating God

Ⓣ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

His Mercy Is More *Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn';
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me *Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (2018)*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home;
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus:
All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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



Changed By God

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.

Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.

This sermon is part of a series called "Friends of Jesus", where we are exploring several of His relationships and what we can learn from them.

For past sermons, please visit our website.

Ⓢ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Ⓢ SCRIPTURE READING // Ruth 3:1-5 and 9-13, 4:1-22

^{3:1} Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

^{3:9} He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." ¹⁰ And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

^{4:8} So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and



may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

SERMON Todd Jones
Series: Recovery and Reconnecting
Title: Grace for the Journey

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).*

⬆ OFFERING

King of Kings *Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood (2019)*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word;
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one!
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings!*



*Why is it called
"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 com-
munion, 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 below).*

*We hope this time is help-
ful to you as you consider
your relationship with
Jesus Christ and with his
people, the church.*

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, convinc-
ing, and that leads to the
life you promise. Amen.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death!
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me!

⬇️ **COMMUNION**

Minister: Let us confess together what we believe:

**All: We believe the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
He appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation. The firstborn from the dead.
In Him all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**We believe Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God,
whether in earth or in heaven. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.



Minister: Let us 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.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*** Institution of the elements ***

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us give thanks together:

**All Gracious God, we thank You for the love
that brings us food from heaven,
gives us the life of Your dear Son,
and assures us that we belong to His Church
in heaven and on earth.
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we may continue Your work in the world,
until we enter into the rest of Your eternal kingdom;
through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sent By God

SENDING SONG

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed *Ed Cash, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty (2012)*

How can it be, the One who died,
Has born our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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.



Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

↻ COMMUNITY LIFE

↓ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the God of peace,
who raised to life the Great Shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do His will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$9,137	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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If the Call to Worship is one bookend, communicating to us that God has the first word, the benediction is its match, reminding us that He has the final word as well.

The words of benediction (a Latin word meaning "to speak well" or "to speak a good word") are intended to bring a blessing. Rather than the worship service ending with a command or merely a "see you next week", a blessing reminds us of the beauty of God's promise to be with us as we disperse.