



# Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

## WORSHIP GUIDE // MAY 2, 2021

### 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*

# CALLED BY GOD

## ⤴ SONG OF PRAISE

### *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".*

### *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!*

**Oh Our Lord** *Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)*

We behold the rising sun,  
The earth awakes, Your hope has come.  
As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the breaking dawn,  
The light that shines over everyone.  
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

*Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain,  
Like waters rise, flood this place,  
We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness!  
Oh, Your name is the word of truth!  
Oh, Your name, oh Your name!

## ⤵ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
His praise will always be on my lips.  
I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

**All: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.**

**You Are With Me** *Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)*

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.  
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.  
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"  
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning  
Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,  
You've been behind me, You go before.*



*You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.  
I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.  
You bring these bones back to life, You put together.  
You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised, I will, I will wait!

## CLEANSED BY GOD

### ⤴ CONFESSON OF SIN

Father, we come to you now  
confessing that our deepest problem  
is that we do not believe you love us.  
We do not sit still and give in to your advances.  
We think ourselves unworthy of your love—  
not believing the sacrifice of Christ has made us lovely in your sight.

Because we do not receive the love you freely offer us,  
we seek it out in other places.  
We have wandered far from home in search of love.

So we come back to you now.  
Do not just receive us, but delight in us.  
Embrace us, sing over us.  
We ask this solely on the basis of  
what Christ has done for us.

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

### ⤵ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

### ⤴ 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."*



# CELEBRATING GOD

## Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

*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 resour-  
ces—time, talents, posses-  
sions—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, offer-  
ings are a part of our  
worship service as an op-  
portunity for the regular,  
proportionate and gener-  
ous giving of the resour-  
ces 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: con-  
tributions made through  
Venmo are not receipted  
for tax purposes).*

### **Blessed Assurance** *Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### **Before the Throne of God Above** *Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863), Vikki Cook (1997)*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God!



# CHANGED BY GOD

## ⬆️ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⬇️ SCRIPTURE READING // Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

<sup>4:14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5:1</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**Sermon-** Todd Jones  
Series: The Supremacy of Christ

*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 in the book of Hebrews, focusing on the supremacy (or authority and power) of Jesus.*

*For past sermons, please visit our website.*



### *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

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 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: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death;  
rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit  
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking  
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.  
As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

**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.**



## 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. Amen,

### **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.

# SENT BY GOD

## ⤴ SENDING SONG

### Kingdom Comes Again

*David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)*

In the dawn of your creation, all made good and all was well.  
Beauty past imagination, in Your presence, made to dwell.  
But our gaze was misdirected and we turned our hearts from You;  
Justice joined with loving-kindness so all things could be made new.

Scattered out through many places over history and time;  
Gathered by the Name of Jesus to embody kingdom come.  
For His children, in their groaning, Jesus shed His precious blood;  
Making peace through resurrection so the many could be one.

*Hallelujah! You are worthy! Dead and raised - now in Your glory!  
You have welcomed us as family, scattered us to tell your story.*

Laying down our vain ambition, taking up the kingdom come,  
We will join in God's great mission to restore creation's song.  
As we know God's grace and justice we reach out where love can mend,  
Lifting up the name of Jesus 'til His kingdom comes again.

## ↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

### ⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week: \$6,554  
Required to Date \$180,812  
(Jan. 1 - April 25)  
Given to Date \$158,665  
Over/[Under] [\$22,147]

## ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Goal: \$900,000  
Pledged: \$461,611  
Given to date: \$395,590

Gifts can be placed in the offering  
plate on Sundays or mailed to:

Hope Chapel  
908 N. Josephine Boyd St  
Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://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.*