

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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PREPARATION

*O God,
by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

GATHERING SONG

*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.*

Our Great God

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!
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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.

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Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

Leader: Great and marvelous are Your deeds,

Lord, God Almighty.

Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear You, O Lord,

and bring glory to Your name?

For You alone are holy.

All: All nations will come and worship before You,
for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

Revelation 15:3-4

O For a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Oh that I had a thousand tongues to sing Your praise,
My grateful heart would tell the stories of Your grace,
So with my life and every breath, I will worship You.*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Charles Wesley (1739), Michael Van Patter (2011)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Father in heaven,

all too often we trust in our own power
and do not depend upon yours.

We do not think you are wise enough,
good enough, or strong enough to act,
so we depend upon many other things:

Our strength, our wisdom,
our charm, our resilience, our goodness.

Because we do not trust in you, we are filled
with anxiety, pride or even a quiet desperation.
Our hands cannot hold us up.

We come to you now, abandoning our self-trust.
Because of what Christ has done,
we ask you to receive us, embrace us and hold us.
We pray this in Christ's name.

*** time for silent confession ***

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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 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).

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

Ephesians 2:13-14

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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."

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

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).

SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

God Delights In You

Calling every daughter, calling every son,
All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love;
There's no need for you to fear,
your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone,
Anyone who's longing for a family of their own,
God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

*Come and sing, come and dance!
The Father's singing over you.
Come rejoice and be glad,
For God delights in you, in you.*

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own,
Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home.
The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be objects of Your love
In spite of all we have done.
You gave Your beloved Son to die for us
To make us daughters and sons.

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God,
Author of all that is good.
Faithful provider and giver of life,
Source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!
Refuge of strength to the end.
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men.*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God,
Radiant, holy delight.
Beautiful Father, victorious Son,
Source of unchangeable light.

You are light in the dark,
You are healing for the broken heart.
You are hope, you are Lord,
You are life, you are love that endures.

Powerful, constant, unwavering God,
Shepherd who comes for the lost.
Rock of salvation, remarkable love,
Savior who died on the Cross.

Brown Bannister, Ellie Holcomb (2011)

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

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".

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

HEBREWS 9:11-28

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

SERMON

Daniel Northrup is Hope Chapel's associate pastor for youth, outreach, and assimilation.

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.

“THE NEW COVENANT”

Only Your Blood

I am ashamed conceived in sin I've always been.
 Born in a World Where Adam's fall corrupts us
 Rooted is the seed of death in life's first breath
 The law demands a perfect heart but I'm defiled in every part
 For only your blood is enough to cover my sin
 For only your blood is enough to cover me.

All this guilt disturbs my peace I find no release.
 Who will save me from my crime I'm helpless
 Behold I fall before your face in need of grace
 So speak to me in a gentle voice for in your mercies I rejoice
 For only your blood is enough to cover my sin
 For only your blood is enough to cover me.

Lord create my heart anew (Father come and make us wise)
 Only you are pure and true (Lead us away from our demise)
 Lord you are the remedy (For only your blood can set us free)
 For only your blood can set us free For only your blood can set us free

No bleeding bird, no bleeding beast, no hyssop branch no priest,
 No running brook no flood no sea can wash away this stain from me.

Isaac Watts (circa 1700), Neil Robins (2008)

COMMUNION

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.

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.**

SENDING SONG

Seeds of the Kingdom

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
Far and wide, He announces new birth:
“I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
every inch of the groaning earth!”

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
and we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
 in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
 He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
 You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
 from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
 And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
 Where the nations are healed and restored!

Wendell Kimbrough (2017)

COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

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.

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.**

Romans 15:13

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$15,917	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - May 23)		Hope Chapel
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