

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

July 4, 2021



## PREPARATION

*To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
To all who fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Savior —  
This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,  
the ally of his enemies, the defender of the guilty,  
the justifier of the inexcusable, the friend of sinners.  
Welcome!*

## 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.*

### Cannons

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound,  
I hear it in the thunder and the rain.  
It's ringing in the skies, like cannons in the night,  
The music of the universe plays.

*We're singing, You are holy, great and mighty,  
The moon and the stars declare who You are!  
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me,  
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are!*

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,  
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.  
Let's join in with the sound, come on let's sing it out,  
As the music of the universe plays.

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen...

*Phil Whickem (2008)*

## WELCOME

*We're glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a "Connect Card", available in a seat-back near you or online using this QR code. We would love the chance to connect with you and help you know more about our community.*



## CALL TO WORSHIP

*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!*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise Him in the heights!  
Praise Him, all His angels;  
praise Him, all His hosts!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Psalm 142:1-2, 8

### 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),  
Chorus: Michael Van Patter (2011)*

## CONFESSON 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.*

Lord, You command us to follow You, but we do not obey.

You call us to worship You, but we do not listen.

You invite us to repent, but we do not turn to You.

Though You have forgiven us,

We do not forgive our enemies.

Though You have loved us,

We fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We acknowledge our sin and confess our weakness.

Though we are faithless, You are always faithful!

Please forgive us for Jesus' sake,

And change us by Your Holy Spirit.

*\*\* 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).*

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:9-11

## 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."*

## SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

### Jesus Is Alive

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,  
For the One that once was buried lives again.  
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away,  
Praise the Risen One, who overcame the grave!

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak:  
Come find living water, everlasting streams.  
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more:  
Find the Risen King, who overcomes the world.

*Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night!  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!*

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,  
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.  
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free,  
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Hallelujah, death is undone!  
Hallelujah, Jesus has won!  
Hallelujah, we overcome – in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

*Michael Farren, Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell,  
Jesse Reeves, Niki Shepherd, James Tealy (2012)*

## 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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



## Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away!  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow we may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
All that are longing to see his face,  
May at this moment his grace receive.

*Julia H. Johnston (1911), D.B. Towner (1910)*

## 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.*

## JAMES 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,<sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.<sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.<sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.<sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;<sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

## SERMON

### “A STEADFAST HEART”

*Rev. Dodd Drake is the director of Greensboro Fellows, a ministry of Church of the Redeemer in Greensboro.*

*This sermon is part of a series in the New Testament book of James called “A Life Centered on Christ”. For past sermons, please visit our website or search for “Hope Chapel Sermons” wherever you listen to podcasts.*

## 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.*

## COMMUNION LITANY

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

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

All: God of all Good, we bless You for the means of grace;  
teach us to see in them Your loving  
purposes and the joy and strength of our souls.  
You have prepared for us a feast;  
and though we are unworthy to sit down as guests,  
We wholly rest on the merits of Jesus.

Minister: While we gaze upon the emblems of our Savior's death,  
may we ponder why he died, and hear him say,

All: 'I gave my life to purchase yours,  
presented myself an offering to pay for your sin,  
shed my blood to blot out your guilt,  
opened my side to make you clear,  
endured your curses to set you free,  
bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'

Minister: In the supper we remember his eternal love, boundless grace,  
infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption,  
and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.  
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 to God.

All: God of mercy,  
You are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.  
Thank You for Your grace, demonstrated to us on the cross.

As the outward elements nourish our bodies,  
so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls,  
until that day when we hunger and thirst no more,  
and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR RELFLECTION

### 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.

**Come, You Disconsolate**

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

*Thomas Moore (1824), Thomas Hastings (1831), Karl Digerness (2015)*

**SENDING SONG****Faithful One**

Faithful One, we lift our praise  
Toward your light we turn our gaze.  
The weight of sin is bearing down,  
We need your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,  
You never fail to raise the sun, Faithful One.  
Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail,  
Not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live  
By the peace you freely give.  
When lesser things seduce my eyes,  
Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear  
Kinship with the royal heir.  
You broke the bread, you poured the wine,  
Now I am yours and you are mine.

*Randall Goodgame (2014)*

## 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 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$8,611	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Required to Date	\$276,536	Hope Chapel
(Jan. 1 - June 27)		908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Given to Date	\$256,893	Greensboro, NC 27408
Over/[Under]	[\$19,643]	

### ROOTED FOR RENEWAL

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$461,611
Given to date:	\$415,028

Online giving is available on our website:  
[www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)  
We also accept donations via Venmo:  
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