

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.

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

John Stocker (1776), Sandra McCracken (2001)

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 awaits you, our God, in Zion;
 to you our vows will be fulfilled.
 You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
 you forgave our transgressions.
 Blessed are those you choose and bring near
 to live in your courts!
 We are filled with the good things of your house,
 of your holy temple.

All: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
 where morning dawns, where evening fades,
 you call forth songs of joy.

Psalm 65:1-4, 8

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*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.

James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)

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.

Gracious and merciful God:

We confess to you that time after time,
We have entered your presence with countless prayers,
But with hearts that have been closed to your grace.

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
But our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments,
But have refused to serve our neighbor.

We humbly ask that you forgive our lack of faith
And pardon our acts of injustice.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
And from the strength of your all-powerful Word,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

*** 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).

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

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

Song of Moses

Oh the Lord our strength and song, highest praise to him belong;
Christ the Lord our conquering king,
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

*Oh praise the Lord, our mighty warrior,
Praise the Lord, the glorious one .
By his hand we stand in victory,
By his name we've overcome.*

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest we worship you.
You divide the raging seas, in death to life you safely lead.

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out
“Glory, glory to the king, You reign for all eternity!”

Graham Kendrick , Joseph Pat Barrett , Ben Smith, Aaron Keyes , Chris Moerman (2010)

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).



Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good!
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (2018)

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 2:1-13

¹ My brothers and sisters, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. ² For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and is dressed in bright clothes, and a poor man in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the bright clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say

to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,”⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: did God not choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?⁷ Do they not blaspheme the good name by which you have been called?

⁸ If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the Law as violators. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole Law, yet stumbles in one point, has become guilty of all. ¹¹ For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do murder, you have become a violator of the Law. ¹² So speak, and so act, as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

SERMON

“LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR”

Jim Osborne is a practicing physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been a regular part of the teaching team at Hope.

This sermon is part of a series in the book of 1 Peter called “Live In the Empire”, focusing on the authority and power of Jesus. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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.

Lead Us Back

Falling down upon our knees, sharing now in common shame,
 We have sought security, not the cross that bears Your name.
 Fences guard our hearts and homes -- comfort sings a siren tune.
 We're a valley of dry bones; lead us back to life in You.

Lord we fall upon our knees, we have shunned the weak and poor,
 Worshipped beauty, courted kings and the things their gold affords.
 Prayed for those we'd like to know -- favor sings a siren tune.
 We've become a talent show; lead us back to life in You.

You have caused the blind to see, we have blinded him again
 With our man-made laws and creeds, eager, ready to condemn.
 Now we plead before Your throne -- power sings a siren tune.
 We've been throwing heavy stones; lead us back to life in You.

Bobby Gilles, Brooks Ritter (2007)

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.

SENDING SONG

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!
 All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
 May praise the Name of Jesus!*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own;
 And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.
 May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard;
 May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
 To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims...

David Zimmer, Ed Cash, Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2016)

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

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(Jan. 1 - July 11)		Hope Chapel
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