

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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## 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.*

### **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!  
Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!*

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.

*Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)*

## 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

*The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.*

*We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.*

*Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.*

**Leader:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**All:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

**Leader:** For the LORD is the great God,

**All:** the great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:1-3

### I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,  
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing of the Lord's great love.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord You are the glory of all our strength,  
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

*Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)*

## 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 of mercies:  
We confess that we have sinned against You.

By your Holy Spirit,  
Come and work repentance in our hearts.  
Help us to see You as You are:  
    With outstretched arms,  
    A loving heart,  
    And power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners,  
And to follow Him more faithfully.  
As we have received Him,  
    So strengthen us to walk in Him,  
    Depend on Him, commune with Him,  
    And be conformed to Him.

Give us an experience of Your grace  
That makes us bold,  
So that we might joyfully live for the good of others.

*\*\* 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).*

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:13-14

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### BAPTISM

*Remember your own baptism. As we participate in today’s baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord.*

*If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him.*

*If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God’s covenant to be renewed in your life today.*

**Elizabeth Calder Madison**

daughter of Christine and Zach Madison

#### Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to You.  
The Lord turn His face towards you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

Michael Card (1998)

## SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

### Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
 Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
 And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)*

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



## The Goodness of Jesus

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.  
 Come, you anxious soul now and see.  
 There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,  
 Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.  
 Satisfied, He is all that I need.  
 May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
 In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,  
 Come and find your joy here complete.  
 Taste the living water, never thirst again,  
 Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,  
 He is all he said he would be.  
 Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,  
 Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,  
 Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (2018)*

## 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.*

### Genesis 42:1-38

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" <sup>2</sup> And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." <sup>3</sup> So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. <sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. <sup>5</sup> Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." <sup>8</sup> And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup> And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." <sup>10</sup> They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food." <sup>11</sup> We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." <sup>13</sup> And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." <sup>14</sup> But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies. <sup>15</sup> By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup> Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." <sup>17</sup> And he put them all together in custody for three days.

<sup>18</sup> On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup> if you are honest men, let one of your brothers re-

main confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households,"<sup>20</sup> and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so. <sup>21</sup> Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." <sup>22</sup> And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." <sup>23</sup> They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. <sup>24</sup> Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. <sup>25</sup> And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them. <sup>26</sup> Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. <sup>27</sup> And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. <sup>28</sup> He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

<sup>29</sup> When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, <sup>30</sup> "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and



took us to be spies of the land. <sup>31</sup> But we said to him, ‘We are honest men; we have never been spies. <sup>32</sup> We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.’ <sup>33</sup> Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, ‘By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. <sup>34</sup> Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.’”

<sup>35</sup> As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man’s bundle of money was in his sack.

And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me.” <sup>37</sup> Then Reuben said to his father, “Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.” <sup>38</sup> But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.”

## SERMON

### “JOSEPH’S BROTHERS BEG FOR HIS MERCY”

*Todd Jones is Hope Chapel’s founding/lead pastor.*

*This sermon is part of a series based in the Old Testament called “Fathers of the Faith”, focusing on some of the key figures in the Biblical narrative. 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: 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

### 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

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Number 6:24-26

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$12,500	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$467,984	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 31)		Hope Chapel
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We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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