

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)

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: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you! Amen.

Psalm 67:1-5

All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving
And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.
We pour out Your praise in Your presence
And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.
And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!
As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;
All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven
A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.
We lift up a shout for You are risen,
And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!
And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!
Come on and pour His praises out,
Come on and sing His praises now!

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2017)

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, 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

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).

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
 he has cleared away your enemies.
 The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall never again fear evil.
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 "Fear not, O Zion;
 let not your hands grow weak.
 The LORD your God is in your midst,
 a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;
 he will quiet you by his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:15-17

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

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
 All other ground is sinking sand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace.
 In e'vry high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
 Support me in the whelming flood.
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound,
 Oh may I then in Him be found.
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)

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).



All Things Rise

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

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.

MARK 15:1-15

¹ Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders, scribes, and the entire Council immediately held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led Him away, and turned Him over to Pilate. ² Pilate questioned Him: "So You are the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "It is as you say." ³ And the chief priests started accusing Him of many things. ⁴ But Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You offer nothing in answer? See how many charges they are bringing against You!" ⁵ But Jesus said nothing further in answer, so Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the Passover Feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. ⁷ And the one named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the rebels who had committed murder in the revolt. ⁸ And the crowd went up and began asking Pilate to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. ⁹ Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² And responding again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" ¹⁴ But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!" ¹⁵ Intent on satisfying the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

SERMON

"TRIAL"

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 called "Mark in Reverse", where we are studying the Gospel of Mark beginning at the resurrection and moving backward. For past sermons, please visit our website. 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: Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Christ among us?

All: He is.

Minister: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

Minister: This is our God:

All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Minister: We are His people:

All: We are redeemed by His grace.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed
for us. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

** institution of elements **

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

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.

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
How sure and faithful as the morning.
This love so great for us could never fail
Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,
It shall ever be my song.
So immense and free; more than life to me!
The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,
What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,
How pure the passion of the Savior.
My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work,
Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise
God's love through time and all eternity.
Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;
What now could separate us from it.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)

SENDING SONG

You Are With Me

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.

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)

COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace
at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING BUDGET

Given Last Week:	\$23,497
Required to Date	\$553,072
(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	
Given to Date	\$600,992
Over/[Under]	\$47,919

ROOTED FOR RENEWAL
(3-YEAR BUILDING CAMPAIGN)

Goal:	\$900,000
Pledged:	\$461,611
Given to date:	\$482,199

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