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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul,
Praise the Lord!, praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

> Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665) arr. and chorus by 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: I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;

they tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:1-4

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 for You alone! 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.

Lord God, forgive us. Lost in ourselves, we dwell endlessly on yesterday's embarrassment, anger and grief.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our domain, it is hard to see
beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion and fear.

Lord God, forgive us. Lost in our fantasy, it is tempting to live in yesterday's illusions.

Lord God, forgive us.

Fill us with the security found in Jesus Christ,
that we might be lost in the wonder and sanity of your hope.

Lord God, have mercy on us, according to your loving-kindness.

** 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).

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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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.

Arise and Sing

There is a King, a risen King; Radiant, He reigns in majesty. He conquered death, it has no sting, And at His word we will rise and sing.

> Arise, we will arise and sing! Arise, we will arise and sing!

Come awake, rise from the ground, Open your eyes and see what you have found. Come awake, oh you who sleep, Search no more, for He is all we need.

Beautifu, beautiful, there is not one, there is not one who is so beautiful!

Brenton Brown, Jason Ingram, and Marty Sampson (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 op-portunity 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).



'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)

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.

MARK 8:27-37

²⁷ Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ They told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And He continued questioning them: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise from the dead. ³² And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's purposes, but on man's."

³⁴ And He summoned the crowd together with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what could a person give in exchange for his soul?

SERMON

"PETER'S CONFESSION"

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

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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: Let us pray together:

All: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know

his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR RELFECTION

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.

All You'll Ever Need

The blood of Jesus, it is like the widow's oil: It's enough to pay the price to set you free. It can fill up every jar and every heart that ever beat, When it's all you have it's all you'll ever need. When it's all you have it's all you'll ever need.

The blood of Jesus, it is like the leper's river, Running humble with a power you cannot see. Seven times go under, let the water wash you clean, Only go down to the Jordan and believe. Only go down in the Jordan and believe.

And I need it, I need it
The closer that I grow
The more I come to know how much I need it

The blood of Jesus it is like Elijah's fire,
Falling on the alter of your faith.
All the wisdom of the world could never conjure up a spark,
But no power of Hell could ever quench this flame.
No power of Hell could ever touch this flame.

Andy Gullahorn, Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive (2008)

SENDING SONG

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.

Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well. Ours is such a full salvation, all is well. Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding, Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well. Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well. On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying, Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)

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: 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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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