

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

March 6, 2022



the FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

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.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
And I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

Carl Boberg (1885), Swedish folk melody

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: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All: **All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Revelation 15:3-4

Holy (Jesus, You Are)

What heart could hold the weight of Your love,

And know the heights of Your great worth?

What eyes could look on Your glorious face, shining like the sun?

*You are holy, holy, holy,
God most high and God most worthy!
You are holy, holy, holy,
Jesus, You are, Jesus, You are!*

Your name alone has power to raise us,

Your light will shine when all else fades.

Our eyes will look on Your glorious face

Shining like the sun. Who is like You, God?

Who shall we say You are? You're the living God.

Who shall we say You are? You're the Great I AM.

The highest name of all, You're all You say You are.

And You shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

All eyes will look on Your glorious face,

Shining like the sun. Who is like You, God?

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jason Ingram (2010)

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.

Almighty God:

We confess to you

Our tendency to honor you with our lips

While our hearts are far from you.

We are content to appear righteous

Instead of truly being righteous.

Forgive our sin and our self-love.

Awaken us to Your glory.

Send Your Spirit to renew and change our hearts...

*** time for silent confession ***

SONG OF LAMENT

What is lament? The author Dan Allender says lament “is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him” and goes on to say that lament is “the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness.”

Our Song in the Night (Psalm 77)

In the darkness, can you hear us?

When the night comes, are we alone?

Have you forgotten all of your children?

When we remember you, we groan.

But our hearts cannot be silent...

Oh God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone.

God, be our joy, be our strength, be our sheltering place;

Our song in the night.

We are broken— are we forsaken?
 Has your love gone down with the sun?
 And your mercy through all history,
 Is it abandoned and undone?
 Oh our hearts cannot be silent...

“Man of Sorrows”, what a name
 For the Son of God, who came,
 Ruined sinners to reclaim,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea ,
 The waters trembled, and you made a way.
 You raised Your arm and led them to dry land;
 Lord, will You hear us when we say
 That our hearts cannot be silent?

Michael Van Patter (2014)

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).

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8

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.

Balm of Gilead

We hope in the Lord, though we've never seen;
Our faith carries us in this in-between.
We peer thru the mist of eternity;
We walk with You, Lord, though we dimly see.

*You're a reservoir of love, the depth none can perceive,
Whose width is double that as any eye has seen
And the strength that love conveys is blinding as it heals
And the balm of Gilead is hidden in its waves.*

We wait on You, Lord, are You coming soon?
We've heard the great hope – You'll make all things new.
You long to gather us like a mother hen;
Sons and daughters all are we, You have called us friend.

*You're a steady beam of light, a prism we become,
And as we look to You all colours come undone.
Illuminate our hearts, give us eyes to see:
The Balm of Gilead that's hidden in Your rays,
The Balm of Gilead is lighting up our ways,
The Balm of Gilead is healing everything!*

*You're a super-celling storm with danger in the clouds,
And lightning coming fast, the thunder is Your sound.
And You're swirling all around: this we perceive as pain,
But the Balm of Gilead is hidden in the rain.
The Balm of Gilead is quenching us with rain.*

Mike Crawford (2011)

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).



His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn';
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)

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 7:1-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

SERMON

“INNER AND OUTER PURITY”

Todd Jones is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor. 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 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.

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain; for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley (1738), Thomas Campbell (1825)

SENDING SONG

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
 You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
 And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;
 You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah – all I have is Christ!
Hallelujah – Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
 The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
 O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
 And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

Jordan Kauflin (2008)

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

Given Last Week:	\$8,512	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$105,300	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Feb. 27)		Hope Chapel
Given to Date	\$87,158	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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