

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

April 3, 2022



the FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

PREPARATION

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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.*

Glory to God

Glory to God on high,
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

*Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!
Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!*

Jesus, our Lord and God,
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!
Tell what His arm has done,
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above
Join in one song of love, praise His name!
To Him ascribed be
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

*James Allen (1831), Ryan Bowles, Charlie Swing,
Todd Van Patter, Michael Van Patter (2009)*

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: Declare God's glory among the nations,
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
He is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 96:3-4

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.
Great are You, Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

All the earth will shout Your praise,
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
Great are You, Lord!

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2013)

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).

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

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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.

Lydia Towery

daughter of Shelley and Braxton Towery

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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

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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
 Long my heart was burning,
 Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
 So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me: take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
 Though the earth be shaking,
 Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
 Fire may flash and thunder crash;
 But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness, then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
 Though the clouds will gather,
 Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
 Though we bear much sorrow here,
 Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
 Pain or loss or shame or cross
 Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

*Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine Winkworth (1863)
 music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

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).



Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature;
 O thou of God and man the Son.
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
 Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
 And all the twinkling, starry host.
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.

*You're my soul's glory
 Oh my soul's glory
 You're my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
 who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man.
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
 Now and forevermore be thine!

*Anon. German hymn text (1677), Music: Schlesische Volkslieder (1842)
 Add. lyrics & music: Paul Baloche, Todd Fields (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.

MARK 2:1-17

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk?' ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

SERMON

“JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN”

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

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.

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.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus;
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
 Rolling as a mighty ocean
 In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me
 Is the current of His Love;
 Leading onward, leading homeward
 To Thy glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
 And it lifts me up to glory
 For it lifts me up to Thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
 Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 How He loveth, ever loveth,
 Changeth never, nevermore.

S. Trever Francis (1834-1925), Bunessan (1888)

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: 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:	\$11,225	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - March 27)		Hope Chapel
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