

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 29, 2022



the SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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.*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battleshield, sword for the fight.
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, O pow'r of my pow'r!

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!
Thou and Thou only first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish 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: Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

from Psalm 117

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)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin is a word that means, at its core, “an obsession or worship of oneself.” Martin Luther famously described sin as “curving in on oneself,” which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.

Glorious God:

We confess before You

The sin of being under-whelmed by who You are.

Your glory doesn't captivate us like it should.

Your holiness doesn't humble us like it should.

Your love doesn't comfort us like it should.

And so we ask you to forgive us

And reveal your glory to us again,

That we might see it together and rejoice,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*** 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).

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:9-11

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."

God Delights In You

Calling every daughter, calling every son,
All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love;
There's no need for you to fear,
your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone,
Anyone who's longing for a family of their own,
God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

*Come and sing, come and dance!
The Father's singing over you.
Come rejoice and be glad,
For God delights in you, in you.*

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own,
Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home.
The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be objects of Your love
In spite of all we have done.
You gave Your beloved Son to die for us
To make us daughters and sons.

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

What a Savior

King of heaven, Holy One,
At the cruel cross, where I belonged;
The sins of the world weighed upon the Son,
How great your love.

*Hallelujah, O what a Savior!
His name be praised, now and forever!*

You crossed the borders of sins divide,
Battled for us and won the fight;
From glory to glory, from death to life,
So great Your love!

The grave could not answer His glorious mercy
As light broke through shadow, creation cried;
Behold now the Savior, the name so much greater,
He overcame death as He rose to life.

Oh Jesus redeemer, the high king of heaven,
Exalted forever in victory!
And one day we'll see Him in all of his glory,
Our King is returning and all will sing.

Anna Hamilton, Ben Cantelon, Nick Herbert, Sam Bailey (2021)

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.

SONG OF SONGS 8:5-14

She

⁵ Who is that coming up from the wilderness,
leaning on her beloved?

Under the apple tree I awakened you.

There your mother was in labor with you;
there she who bore you was in labor.

⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
the very flame of the Lord.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
he would be utterly despised.

Others

⁸ We have a little sister,
and she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
on the day when she is spoken for?

⁹ If she is a wall,
we will build on her a battlement of silver,
but if she is a door,
we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

She

¹⁰ I was a wall,
and my breasts were like towers;
then I was in his eyes
as one who finds peace.

¹¹ Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
he let out the vineyard to keepers;
each one was to bring for its fruit
a thousand pieces of silver.

¹² My vineyard, my very own, is before me;
you, O Solomon, may have the thousand,
and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

He

¹³ O you who dwell in the gardens,
with companions listening for your voice;
let me hear it.

She

¹⁴ Make haste, my beloved,
and be like a gazelle
or a young stag
on the mountains of spices.

SERMON

“THE LOVERS JOIN IN MARRIAGE”

Todd Jones is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor. This sermon is part of a series in the book of Song of Songs called “The Greatest Song”. 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.

High Beyond Imagination

High beyond imagination is the love of God to man.
 Far too deep for human reason; fathom that, it never can.
 Love eternal, richly dwells in Christ the lamb.

Love like Jesus' none can measure, nor can its dimensions know;
 'Tis a boundless, endless river, and its waters freely flow.
 O ye thirsty, come and taste its streams below.

Jesus loved, and loves for ever; Zion on His heart does dwell;
 He will never, never, never leave His church a prey to hell.
 All is settled and my soul approves it well.

William Gadsby (1838), Benj Pocta (2006)

SENDING SONG

None But Thee

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.
 Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,
 We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,
 Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!
 By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,
 Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.
 Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.
 Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)

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 our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
 and God our Father,
 who loved us and gave us eternal comfort
 and good hope through grace,
 comfort your hearts and establish them
 in every good work and word.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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(Jan. 1 - May 22)		Hope Chapel
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