

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 8, 2022



the FOURTH 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.*

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)

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: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,

All: **Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.**

Leader: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

All: **Praise be to God!**

Psalm 68:32, 34-35

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)*

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.

Father, as we draw near to You,
we draw near the light.
In the light, we see ourselves as we are.

Our attitude toward others is ruled
by our agendas, our fears, and our wounds.
We demand perfection from those around us
and become angry when they do not perform up to our standards.

Our attitude towards You is ruled
by our agendas, our fears and our wounds.
Instead of receiving your love by faith,
we try to prove that we are worthy of it.

We now bring these things into the light.
Forgive us and heal us for Jesus’ sake.

*** 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).

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

from Psalm 34

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!

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.

Great Things

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet;
 He has done great things.
 See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes;
 He has done great things, He has done great things.

*Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave,
 You free every captive and break every chain,
 Oh God, You have done great things!
 We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive;
 Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.
 Oh God, You have done great things!*

You've been faithful through every storm
 You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things.
 And I know You will do it again for Your promise is "Yes and Amen",
 You will do great things, God, You do great things!

Hallelujah God, above it all,
 Hallelujah God, unshakable,
 Hallelujah, You have done great things!

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (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).



White As Snow

Have mercy on me, oh God,
according to Your unfailing love;
according to Your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

*Would You create in me a clean heart, Oh God?
Restore in me the joy of Your salvation.*

The sacrifices of our God are a broken and contrite heart;
against you and you alone have I sinned.

Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole.
Wash me white as snow.

Jon Foreman (2008)

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 5:2 - 6:3

She

² I slept, but my heart was awake.
A sound! My beloved is knocking.
“Open to me, my sister, my love,
my dove, my perfect one,
for my head is wet with dew,
my locks with the drops of the night.”

³ I had put off my garment;
how could I put it on?

I had bathed my feet;
how could I soil them?

⁴ My beloved put his hand to the latch,
and my heart was thrilled within me.

⁵ I arose to open to my beloved,
and my hands dripped with myrrh,
my fingers with liquid myrrh,
on the handles of the bolt.

⁶ I opened to my beloved,
but my beloved had turned and gone.
My soul failed me when he spoke.
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.

⁷ The watchmen found me
as they went about in the city;
they beat me, they bruised me,
they took away my veil,
those watchmen of the walls.

⁸ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
if you find my beloved,
that you tell him
I am sick with love.

Others

⁹ What is your beloved more than
another beloved,
O most beautiful among women?
What is your beloved more than another beloved,
that you thus adjure us?

She

¹⁰ My beloved is radiant and ruddy,
distinguished among ten thousand.

¹¹ His head is the finest gold;
his locks are wavy, black as a raven.

¹² His eyes are like doves
beside streams of water,
bathed in milk,
sitting beside a full pool.

¹³ His cheeks are like beds of spices,
mounds of sweet-smelling herbs.

His lips are lilies,
dripping liquid myrrh.

¹⁴ His arms are rods of gold,
set with jewels.

His body is polished ivory,
bedecked with sapphires.

¹⁵ His legs are alabaster columns,
set on bases of gold.

His appearance is like Lebanon,
choice as the cedars.

¹⁶ His mouth is most sweet,
and he is altogether desirable.

This is my beloved and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.

Others

^{6:1} Where has your beloved gone,
O most beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved turned,
that we may seek him with you?

She

² My beloved has gone down to his garden
to the beds of spices,
to graze in the gardens
and to gather lilies.

³ I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;
he grazes among the lilies.

SERMON

“THE SHEPHERDESS DREAM, PART 2”

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.

Nothing Stands Between Us

River of gladness fill my soul
Jesus, You're my greatest thought
God, I know, I see the light
I see the lightning I hear Your voice
Inside the cracking thunder singing...

Nothing stands between us
Oh, nothing stands between us but love now
Nothing stands between us
Oh, nothing stands between us but love

River of gladness take control
There's a cup of joy for every taste of sorrow
I see the light, I see the lightning
I see the lightning, I hear Your voice
Inside the cracking thunder
Nothing stands between us, oh singing,

Have I tried to scale Your walls in vain?
Have I tried to scale Your walls in vain
To cross Your seas I've pushed against Your waves
What for all the miles have You to say
Were You there beside me this whole way
You always find me

John Mark McMillan (2017)

SENDING SONG

We Will Feast

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things", we will sing together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
 For the promised morning, oh how long?
 Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one.
 And from the garden to the grave
 Bind us together, bring shalom.

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

Given Last Week:	\$15,615	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - May 1)		Hope Chapel
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