

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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## 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.*

### To God All Praise and Glory

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
He fills my soul with sweet relief and make my faithless murmur cease.

*To God all praise and glory! (x4)*

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing;  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
And in my Father's tender care His love eclipses my despair.

When life is hard and days are long, I'll sing aloud His praises.  
That all may hear the grateful song my joyful spirit raises.  
My heart revived, my soul restored, my heart rejoices in the Lord.

Let all who claim Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory.  
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength declare the wondrous story!  
Cast every idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone.

Johann Jakob Schutz (1675), trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1864), Music & Add. lyrics Brian Eichelberger (2017)

## 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

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,

All: **"The Lord has done great things for them."**  
**The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**All: He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.**

Psalm 126

## Song of Praise

### 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)*

## 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 in heaven,  
you have brought your kingdom into the world through Jesus.  
Your kingdom has begun to spread its healing reign  
into our lives and into our world.  
We have begun to taste of your goodness.

Yet there is much that remains broken in our lives and in our world.  
You have told us to live in the hope  
of your kingdom continuing its spread.  
Yet we have often lost hope.  
We have given up the fight in many ways.  
We have often settled for the mediocre kingdoms of this world:  
power, image, fame, money, pleasure.

Forgive us and renew us.  
Teach us to wait in hope.  
Teach us to live in hope.  
Teach us to work in hope.  
Bring your kingdom.  
We need it. Our world needs it. In Christ's name...

*\*\* time for silent confession\*\**

## Words of Forgiveness

***We are not alone.** The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

## Passing of the Peace

## 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.*

### Continuously

I will hold your right hand, right beside you, my word is true  
I am continuously, continuously with you.  
Though your flesh and heart may fail, I will hold you in veil,  
I am continuously, continuously with you.

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight,  
Rest in the song that mercy sings,  
Your shield and strength, all through the fight  
I will be your covering.*

I'll be your shelter where e'r you go,  
When you wonder I'll bring you home.  
I am continuously, continuously with you.

Sandra McCracken (2016)

## 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](https://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



### Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
the future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home;  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus:  
All the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren (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

## Acts 3:1-26

*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.*

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. <sup>4</sup> And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup> Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells

you.<sup>23</sup> And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’<sup>24</sup> And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.<sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’<sup>26</sup> God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

## Sermon

### “Certainty, faith, and a lame beggar’s witness”

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series called “Witness: The Movement Continues”, where we are studying the book of Acts and its call to cultivate shalom. 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.

**All:        It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,  
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
 He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the  
 burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way,  
 and though tempted, was sinless to the end.  
 Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death  
 and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All: In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church,  
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine, and use these elements  
 to communicate to us the mercy of your Son,  
 that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us to die  
 to ourselves, and live for your glory, now and forever, amen.**

***\*\* institution of elements \*\****

Minister: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,  
 and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God, with our hearts and our voices,  
 now and forevermore! 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.

**Until He Comes Again**

By this we remember in faith, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

By this we remember in hope, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

*When He comes again like a thief in the night,  
When He comes again all the wrongs will be right;  
Oh the earth lifted up as heaven comes down,  
We remember until He comes again.*

By this we remember in love, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

*Ricky Vasquez, Ike Ndolo, Sandra McCracken,  
Mitch Wong & Matt Maher (2022)*

**Sending Song****Heal Us, Emmanuel**

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are! We long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess— we faintly trust Thy word;  
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief;  
 "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole,  
 Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;  
 Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may;  
 O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

*William Cowper (1779), Kevin Twitt, Lucas Morton (2010)*

# 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: May Christ, who out of defeat  
 brings new hope and a new future,  
 fill you with his new life;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you,  
 and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$11,969	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$29,230	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Jan. 15)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$25,030	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$4,199]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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