

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

April 16, 2023



Second Sunday of Easter

Preparation

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
 to all who mourn and long for comfort;
 to all who struggle and desire victory;
 to all who sin and need forgiveness;
 to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
 to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
 to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors
 and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
 This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father’s world, why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King, let the heavens ring. God reigns, let the earth be glad.

Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English 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

An Invitation. The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Leader: I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.

**All: You are my strength, I sing praise to you;
you, God, are my fortress,
my God on whom I can rely.**

Psalm 59:16-17

Song of Praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing - shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all".

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristen Getty (2007)

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.

Merciful God:

Your word says that every good gift is from above.

You are our great Provider;

You give us everything we need.

Yet we confess that we turn these gifts into idols

That we love, serve and worship above you.

Forgive us for turning your gifts into gods.

Help us to find our contentment and fulfillment in you alone.

By the power of Christ Jesus we pray...

*** 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.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ.

Ephesians 1:7-9

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."

New Members Join

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.

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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).



Known and Loved

God, You were there from my beginning,
For I was crafted by Your hands;
You see my hopes and hesitations,
My days are written in Your plan.

If You have seen my weakest moments
And still You love me even then,
I need no greater confirmation
That God, Your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness,
No need for hiding, here in His light.
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,
Is being known and loved by Him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished
For He has paid my every debt;
No need to pull it all together,
For what is broken He will mend.

Though I can't see the path before me,
I know the One who knows the way.
And as I walk, His hand will guide me
Until I see Him face to face.

Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian (2022)

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 14:8-20

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Sermon

"Witness to the Gentiles"

Jake Henry is a member of Hope Chapel and works as an educator and Chaplain in the Army National Guard.

For past sermons, please visit our website or search for "Hope Chapel Sermons" wherever you listen to podcasts.

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.

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
 How sure and faithful as the morning.
 This love so great for us could never fail
 Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,
 It shall ever be my song.
 So immense and free; more than life to me!
 The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,
 What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
 As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
 His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,
 How pure the passion of the Savior.
 My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
 My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work,
 Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise
 God's love through time and all eternity.
 Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;
 What now could separate us from it.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)

Sending Song

Seeds of the Kingdom

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
 Far and wide, He announces new birth:
 "I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
 every inch of the groaning earth!"

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
 is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
 But the powers of hell shall against it fail
 when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
and we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
Where the nations are healed and restored!

Wendell Kimbrough (2017)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$13,018	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$204,610	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - April 9)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$191,716	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$12,893]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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