

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 28, 2023



Pentecost Sunday

Preparation

*To all who are weary and need rest;
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;
 To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
 To all who fail and desire strength;
 To all who sin and need a Savior —
 This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
 the ally of his enemies, the defender of the guilty,
 the justifier of the inexcusable, the friend of sinners.
 Welcome!*

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.

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
 Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it-- name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place,
 And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
 Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to Thee.
 Prone to wonder, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

John Wyeth (1813), Robert Robinson (1758)

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 day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly the sound, like violent blowing wind, came from heaven
and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be flames of fire that separated
and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to declare the wonders of God
in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Jesus has asked the Father, and he has given someone to fight for us.

All: He is our helper; he is with us forever; he is the Spirit of truth.

Leader: The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
But you know him, for he lives with you and is in you.

All: Jesus has not left us as orphans; he has come to us through his Spirit!

From Acts 2:1–4 and John 14:15–18

Great Things

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

To God be the glory for wisdom and grace,
That chose us and made us the heirs of His name.
He justified freely His daughters and sons
And gave us His Spirit, the seal of His love.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Through our Savior Jesus Christ!
He has raised us up to a glorious hope,
Rejoice, you ransomed ones, great things He has done!*

To God be the glory, He joined us with Christ.
We share in His death and we're hid in His life.
We stand in His righteousness, never our own
And sit with Him now on His heavenly throne.

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.

Leader: Loving God, you pour your Spirit upon all flesh; we try to fence it in.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You speak through many languages; we block out foreign accents.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You make one body from all our gifts; we refuse to be connected.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

*** 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.

Leader: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ

Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the

dead dwells in you, then the One who raised

Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies

also through the Spirit that dwells in you.

Leader: This is the good news.

All: Thanks be to God!

From Romans 8:1-2, 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."

Songs of Praise

Balm of Gilead

We hope in the Lord, though we've never seen;
Our faith carries us in this in-between.
We peer thru the mist of eternity;
We walk with You, Lord, though we dimly see.

*You're a reservoir of love, the depth none can perceive,
Whose width is double that as any eye has seen
And the strength that love conveys is blinding as it heals
And the balm of Gilead is hidden in its waves.*

We wait on You, Lord, are You coming soon?
We've heard the great hope – You'll make all things new.
You long to gather us like a mother hen;
Sons and daughters all are we, You have called us friend.

*You're a steady beam of light, a prism we become,
And as we look to You all colours come undone.
Illuminate our hearts, give us eyes to see:
The Balm of Gilead that's hidden in Your rays,
The Balm of Gilead is lighting up our ways,
The Balm of Gilead is healing everything!*

*You're a super-celling storm with danger in the clouds,
And lightning coming fast, the thunder is Your sound.
And You're swirling all around: this we perceive as pain,
But the Balm of Gilead is hidden in the rain.
The Balm of Gilead is quenching us with rain.*

Mike Crawford (2011)

Giving of Tithes & Offering

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).



Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
 Who else could make every king bow down?
 Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
 What other splendour outshines the sun?
 What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
 Cry out, sing holy– forever a Holy God!
 Come and worship the Holy God!*

What other glory consumes like fire?
 What other power can raise the dead?
 What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
 Who else would offer His only Son?
 Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God.

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson (2016)

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 20:17-38

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.

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by [b] the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Sermon

“Witness Through Tears”

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.

Spirit

Be still now child, when you've lost your way
 And the hell of yesterday bleeds into today.
 I see the storm is raging, inside and all around,
 You're a tempest tossed, til you're lostm
 And feeling for the ground.

*Oh I will never leave you, orphaned all alone
 I'll send my Spirit to come and call you home*

I see the broken edges and the tearing of your will;
 In the secret dark of the human heart
 And I'll lean in closer still
 'Cause I got mercy miles and miles, I got truth full of years;
 And it goes on for ages, stretching into the clear.

Jeremy Casella (2019)

Sending Song**Breathe On Me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 fill me with Thy life anew,
 that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is ever pure,
 until my will is one with thine,
 to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 Util I am wholly thine,
 until this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 so that I shall never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1878), Michael Van Patter (2011)

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

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