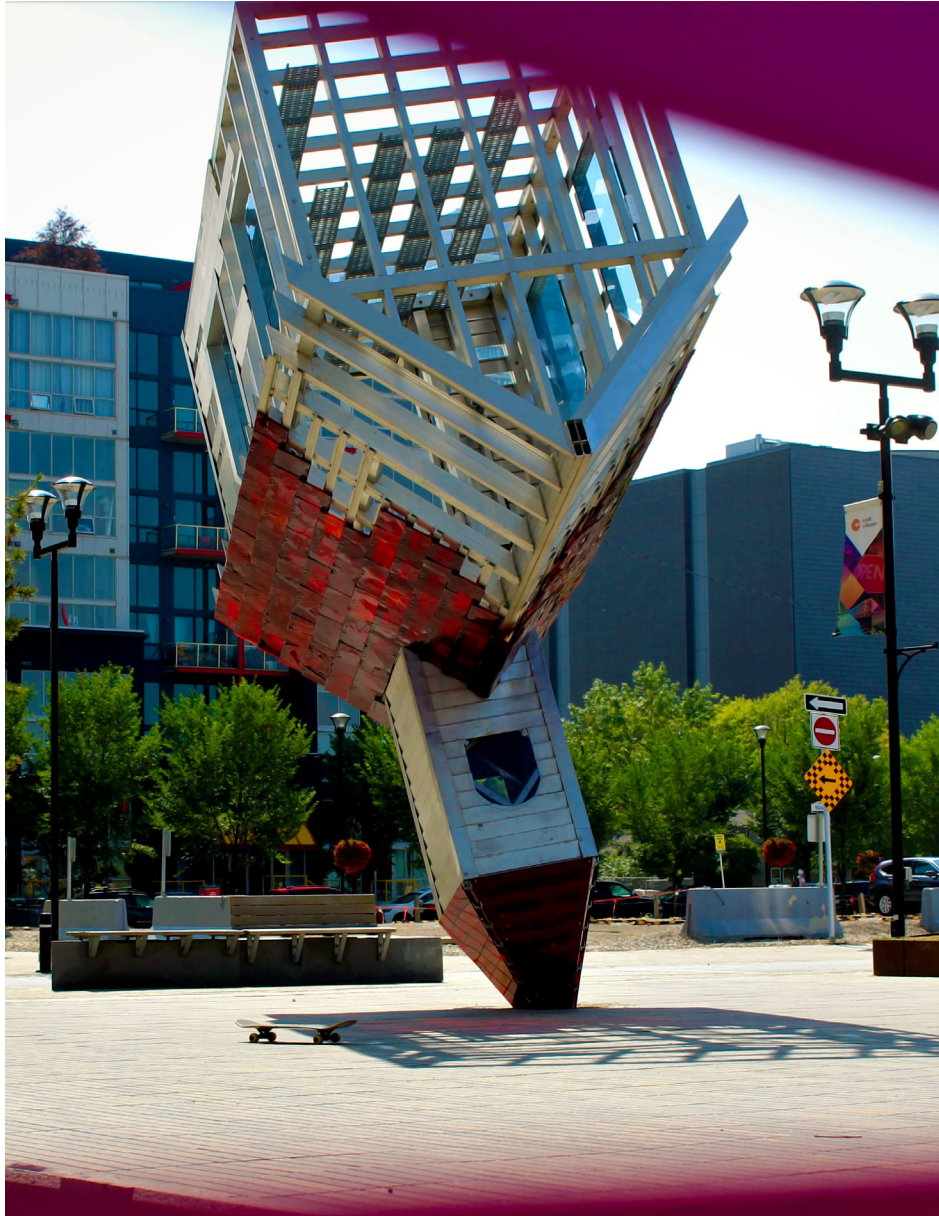


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

July 23, 2023



Ordinary Time

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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.*

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: We come together to worship Jesus Christ,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

All: **Instead, he emptied himself completely,
not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave.
He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Leader: So God raised Him up with great honor,
and gave Him a name above all other names,

**All: that at the name of Jesus, everyone—
in heaven and on earth and even under the earth
might bow down, and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
This is our God— the God we have come to worship!**

based on Philippians 2:5-11

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)

Confession of Sin

from Matthew 4 & 5

Leader: Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom
and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

**All: We, too, have heard this good news of the kingdom:
Blessed are the poor in spirit and those who mourn.
Blessed are the meek and the hungry and the merciful.
Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake.**

Leader: Jesus, you have called us to rejoice
and be glad in the midst of these things;
to see the eternal significance and reward in temporary sufferings.

**All: Forgive us for taking up the world's version of "good news";
for embracing competence, denial, power, security,
revenge, idolatry, tribalism, and comfort.**

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are the source
of the life and wholeness for which we long.
Mold us into a people who rejoice
in the backward goodness of your kingdom.

**All: Come near to us in your tender strength
and revive us, for our good and your glory.**

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

from Psalm 34

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: Father, you tell us that you are near to the brokenhearted
and that you redeem the life of your servants;
none who take refuge in you will be condemned.

**All: We will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in our mouth.
Our souls boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord, and let us exalt his name together!**

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."

Song of Praise & Thanksgiving

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

The Lord Is My Joy

The Lord is my joy...

When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.

The Lord is my strength...

When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing King,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...

When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.

The Lord is my delight...

Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;

Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.

Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

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).



All Things Rise

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.

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.

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Sermon

"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series called "Beatitudes: Recognizing Shalom in the Upside Down", where we are studying Matthew chapter 5. 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

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, O Lord,
Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.

**All: We give thanks to you with those who have gone
before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world,
and along with the angels and all the company of heaven,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.**

Leader: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*** institution of the elements ***

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 that we may be one with all who share this feast.

**All: As this bread is Christ's body for us,
 send us out to be the body of Christ in the world,
 for by him, with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honor and glory is yours,
 Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Kingdom of God

'Oh that I could see your face;
How I'm longing for the day.
Brighter sun of holy grace,
Make my heart a holy place.

*Blessed are the poor who have nothing to own;
Blessed are the mourners who are crying alone;
Blessed are the guilty who have nowhere to go;
For their hearts have a road to the kingdom of God,
And their souls are the songs of the kingdom of God,
And they will find a refuge. for theirs in the kingdom of God.*

Beauty shining from your face;
Always longed to see this place.
Is there somewhere I can stay?
Even just a couple days?

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.
In valley or pasture, we shall not want.
Our cup runneth over and over
For now and forever, for now and forever.

Jon Guerra (2019)

Sending Song

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.
 Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
 And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: May the peace of God,
 which transcends all understanding,
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,041	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$409,220	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 16)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$387,355	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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