

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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**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.*

## Gathering Song

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, bodies, 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.*

### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)

## 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: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**All: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

Psalm 63:1-5

### Almighty God

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy,  
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
With gratitude we raise our song to You.  
Come and fill the praises of Your people,  
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us,  
But Your river deep floods over everything.

To You all hearts are open, Almighty God...

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)

## Confession of Sin

from Matthew 4 & 5

*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: 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

Psalms 107:8-9

*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.*

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## 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."*

### Whole Heart

When I am broken, when I'm afraid,  
When I don't have it together, when I lose my way,  
There is a place where I can go  
Where I am safe, where I am home...

*And I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, my whole heart.  
Yes I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, with my whole heart.*

You know my story, You've always been  
My true companion, my Faithful friend;  
There's not a moment of my life  
I live without You by my side...

Let every anxious part of me, and every fearful thought in me,  
Be set free, set free in Your peace, Your peace.  
Let every shackle on me break, and every shadow fall away  
I'm set free set free in Your peace, Your peace.

*Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan, Jess Ray (2021)*

## 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).



## 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.

### Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden?  
 Come and lay your burdens down;  
 Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you, rest in Him.  
 He is gentle, He is lowly,  
 He delights to bring us peace;  
 Tender shepherd, mighty Savior, rest in Him.

*How sure, His compassion for us,  
 Oh, how deep is His love!  
 So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless? Are you guilty?  
 Caught in shame for all your sin?  
 He pursues you, to forgive you, rest in Him.  
 He has paid for every failure,  
 Mercy flows in endless streams;  
 Come and follow, freedom calls you, rest in Him!

Are you waiting in your sorrows  
 For this broken world to heal?  
 He is coming, soon returning, rest in Him.  
 We will see Him, we will know him,  
 O what heights of grace revealed!  
 From his kindness, every promise then fulfilled.  
 O trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

*Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker (2021)*

## 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 5:5

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

## Sermon

### **"Blessed Are Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness"**

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

**Feed On Me**

Bounty original, fullness above  
 yielded creation, abundant in love;  
 A garden, a calling to nurture and name,  
 love's naked fruitfulness hidden from shame,  
 But there in the fullness, an emptiness still,  
 that He alone would fill.  
 "All this I give you: the wind and the light,  
 the soil rendered into the body's delight!  
 The gift of My Image, the fruit of the tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Deep in our hunger, we nourished a fear:  
 "What we were made for is not given here."  
 We ate the forbidden, and emptiness grew,  
 swallowing all of the life that we knew,  
 But there in the exile of toil and of pain,  
 His fullness still remained.  
 "All this I give you: the ram and the fire,  
 and manna to answer the desert's desire,  
 the fields for the gleaning, the richest fare free.  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Emptiness threatened to swallow the earth  
 'til heaven's banquet came down in His birth.  
 Now, false food forsaking, He feeds us again  
 nets full and breaking and bread gathered in,  
 But love's greatest table, no angel could tell:  
 He feeds us with Himself.  
 "All this I give you: the True Bread come down,  
 a table of joy for the lost ones, now found,  
 The blood and the body, the deep mystery;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Truly, we share now in Love's banquet song!  
 Yet still we hunger and cry out "How long?"  
 A pilgrimage people now making our way  
 nourishing hope at this table of faith,  
 But coming a banquet desire meets delight,  
 and faith gives way to sight.  
 "All this I give you: My fullness again,  
 the garden restored from the curses of sin,  
 The feast of a wedding, the flowering tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

## Sending Song

### How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the king who reigns over all,  
 And never changes or turns.  
 Unfailing justice, unfading grace,  
 Whose promises remain. Yes, Your promises remain.

*The heavens ring, the saints all sing, "Great is your faithfulness!"  
 From age to age we will proclaim, "Great is your faithfulness,  
 How great is your faithfulness!"*

Everything changes, but your stay the same;  
 Your word and kingdom endure.  
 We lean on the promise of all that you are,  
 And trust forevermore, we will trust forevermore.

From generation to generation, You never fail us, oh God!  
 Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day you return.

*Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2011)*

## 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:	\$17,645	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$453,065	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug 6)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$426,687	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)  
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