

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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**Ordinary Time**

## Preparation

*O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,  
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth  
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

## 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.*

### Oh How Good to Be Together

Oh how good to be together in this weary world we trod;  
What a gift, what a treasure, kindred in the house of God.

On this day the Lord has fashioned come rejoice with all your might;  
Raise a banner of salvation, He has led us through the night.

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness,  
To be gathered in the name of the Lord!  
Evermore, He will keep us  
From the valley to the golden shore.*

When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour,  
In despair we sought the Father and He has proved His mighty power.

Tell the theme of His provision, how He met our every need;  
He has been our firm foundation and He will ever, always be!

*Paul Ranheim, Kirk Sauers (2020)*

## 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

From Psalm 147

*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 Inviter, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God

**All: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The Lord builds up his people; he gathers them together out of exile.

**All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: The Lord determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.

**All: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God with instruments and voices.

**All: For he delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

### We Sing the Mighty Power

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,  
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that we can be, You, God, are present there.

*Text: Isaac Watts (1715), Tune: ELLACOMBE (1784)*

## 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.*

Almighty God, who knows all and sees all:

We confess our constant striving  
for righteousness, acceptance, and approval  
from sources that leave us empty.

We ask your forgiveness,  
and we renew our hope in Christ alone,  
who offered Himself  
to appease your wrath and forgive our sins.

We find all comfort in His wounds,  
and we have no need to seek or invent any other means  
to reconcile ourselves with God,  
than this one and only sacrifice  
which renders believers justified forever...

*\*\* 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.*

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:5-7

## 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 & Thanksgiving

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

### 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.

*Vs 1: Fanny Crosby (1875), Steve Cook, Vikki Cook (2012)*

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



## 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)*

## 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 our powerful and merciful God for 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

### Romans 16:1-16 (ESV)

*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.*

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,<sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,<sup>4</sup> who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.<sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.<sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.<sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.<sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.<sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.<sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.<sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.<sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.<sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.<sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.<sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

## Sermon

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans. In this section (chapters 12-16) we are exploring how we apply the doctrines from the first parts of the letter to our lives in practical ways. 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

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

### *Words of Institution*

### *Prayer of Approach*

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

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

Minister: 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.**

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,  
once for all upon the Cross.

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### *Preparation for the Table*

### *The Feast*

### *Prayer after Communion*

Minister: Let us pray.

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for 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 than 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.

**Peace (A Communion Blessing From St. Joseph’s Square)**

Though we’re strangers, still I love you,  
 I love you more than your mask.  
 And you know you have to trust this to be true,  
 And I know that’s much to ask.  
 But lay down your fears, come and join this feast;  
 He has called us here, you and me.

*And may peace rain down from heaven, like little pieces of the sky,  
 Little keepers of the promise  
 Falling on these souls this drought has dried.  
 In His Blood and in His Body, in the Bread and in this Wine  
 Peace to you, peace of Christ to you.*

And though I love you, still we’re strangers,  
 Prisoners in these lonely hearts.  
 And though our blindness separates us,  
 Still His light shines in the dark.  
 And His outstretched arms are still strong enough to reach  
 Behind these prison bars to set us free...

*Rich Mullins, Beaker (1993)*

# Sending Song

## All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
 The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
 I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
 And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
 You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
 And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;  
 You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah – all I have is Christ!  
 Hallelujah – Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
 The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
 O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
 And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

*Jordan Kauflin (2008)*

# Blessing & Sending

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
 and the love of God,  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$7,838	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$514,144	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug. 11)		Hope Chapel
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 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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