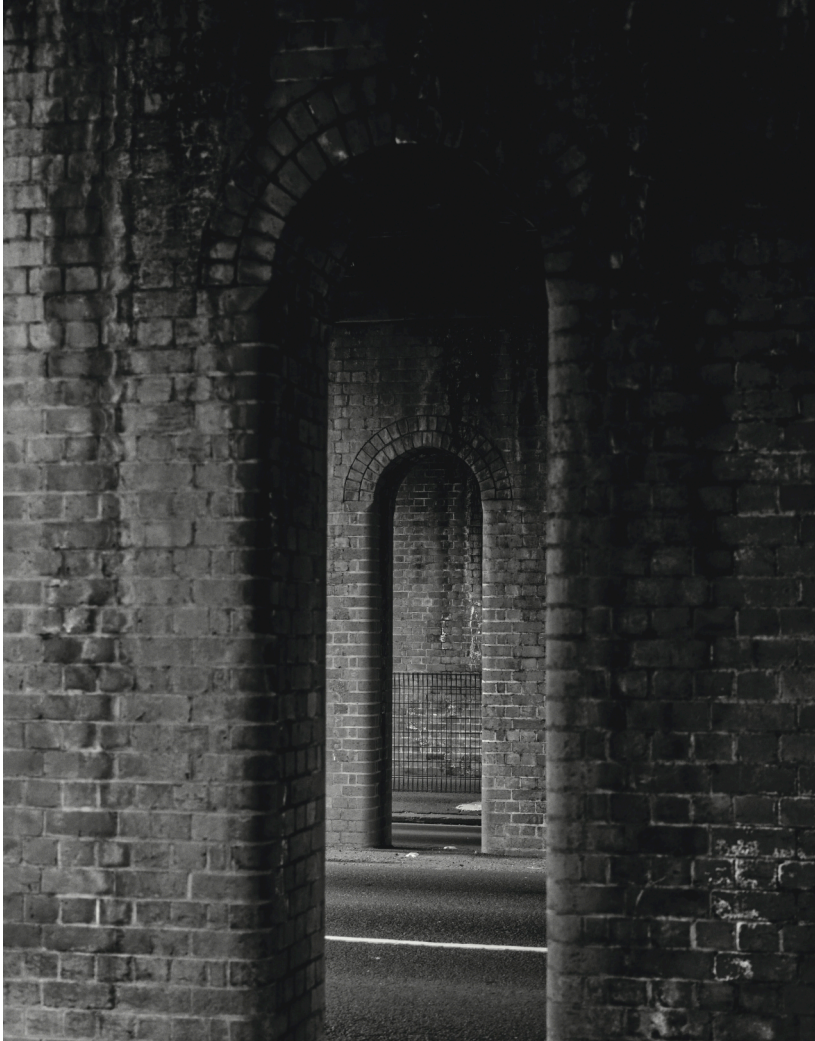


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

September 15, 2024



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.*

O Worship the King!

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His wonderful love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light and canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to worship above.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned,
Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known;
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win!

R. Grant (1833), J.M. Kraus (1756), 4th Verse: David Guthrie (1991)

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

Psalm 117

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: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

Song of Praise

Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!" You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

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.

Sovereign God:

We acknowledge that we are ruled
by our selfish desires.

We seek our own interests
rather than living for You and others.

Today, we repent.

We humble ourselves before You.

Holy Spirit, claim our hearts,
engage our wills, and conform our desires to Yours.

Help us to live each day in a way
that pleases You and counts for eternity.

We praise in Your name and for Your glory...

*** 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.

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5b-8

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.

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)

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).*



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 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

Ezra 3:8-13 (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.

⁸ Now in the second year after their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their kinsmen, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the Lord. ⁹ And Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together supervised the workmen in the house of God, along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and brothers.

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. ¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

“For he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Sermon

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the Old Testament book of Ezra, where we are exploring the core, or essence, of what it means to be followers of God. For past sermons, please visit our website. Next week's sermon text is Ezra 4.

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 also with you.

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise You, joining 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: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own.

**As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me,
I now completely and fully offer
myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia!

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
We thank You that in this holy meal,
You renew Your promises within us,
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

Singing of the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! 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. (*...continued on next page*)

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.

Sending Song

O Give Thanks to the Lord

Wendell Kimbrough (2016)

(music printed on following page)

Blessing & Sending

from Philippians 4:7

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:	\$12,911	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$578,412	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Sep. 8)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$582,907	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	\$4,495	Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
 We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord!



1. We were wan- d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun-
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma- king wealth



so starved and weak; we were hun- gry for a home -
 bent down with pain; in the sha- dow of death's dark -
 ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos -
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great des - truc -



land we did not know how to seek, but we lif-
 ness we were slaves to sin and blame Then we cried
 er to the death we should have died Then he heard
 tion brought us trem- bling to our knees, and we cried



ted up our voi- ces to the on - ly One who hears
 out in our la- bor to the on - ly One who hears
 of our con - di - tion and He called us by our names
 like drun-ken sai- lors to the on - ly One who hears



and the God of mer - cy came and brought us near.
 and the God of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 and the God of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
 and the God of com - fort took a - way our fears.



Chorus: Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love



en-dures for-e - ver! We were wan - der-ing and lost and our Fa -



ther brought us home to a safe dwe-lling place, to a feast



of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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