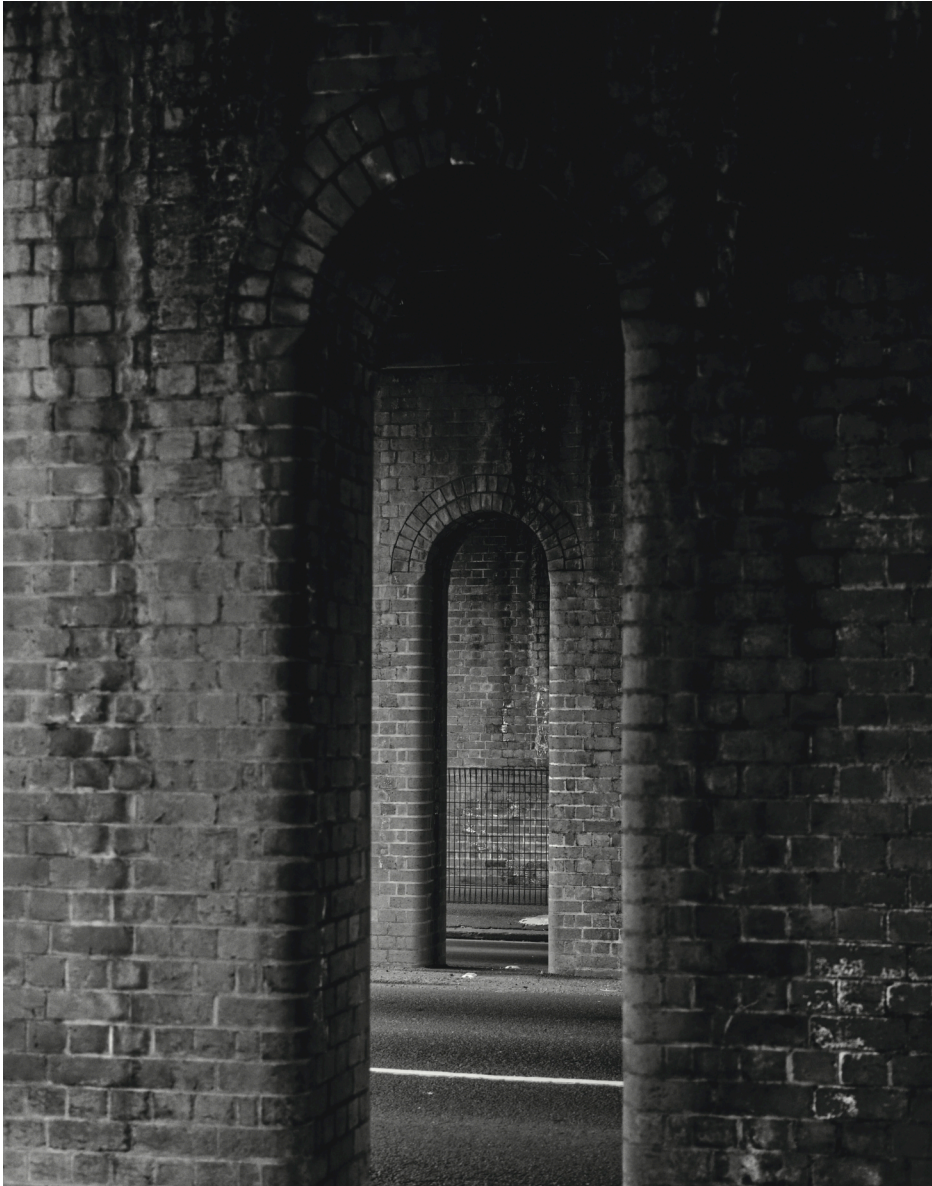


# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 13, 2024



**Ordinary Time**

# Gathering Song

## All Ye Refugees

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,  
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation sings you home...

*Welcome home, gather round, all ye refugees, come in.  
Welcome home, gather round, all ye refugees, come in.*

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,  
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.  
My body and my blood, the healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,  
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,  
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.  
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice...

*Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (2014)*

## 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 59:16-17

*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: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

## 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  
 er 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.

## 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.*

Our Father in heaven:

We confess our unbelief in Your steadfast love.

In love You predestined us,  
yet we doubt You.

In love You adopted us,  
yet we question You.

In love You sent your Son for us,  
yet still we try to earn Your love by our performance.

Forgive our unbelief  
and help us know the love of Christ  
which surpasses knowledge,  
that we might be filled  
with all the fullness of God.

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## Words of Forgiveness

Lamentations 3:22-23

***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 (being fully God) also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

## 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."*

## Baptism

*Remember your own baptism. As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord.*

*If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him.*

*If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today.*

### Ames Turmel

son of Kaitlin and Caleb

### Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to You.  
The Lord turn His face towards you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

*Michael Card (1998)*

## 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.*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

John Newton (1774), Laura Taylor (2001)

1. Let us love and sing Lord and won - der,  
 2. Let us love love the Lord who bought us,  
 3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion  
 4. Let us won - der grace and jus - tice,  
 5. Let us praise and join the cho - rus

let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
 pit - ied us when e - ne - mies,  
 threat - join and hard point to bear us down;  
 of the saints en - throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
 Called us by his grace and taught us,  
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion,  
 when through grace in Christ our trust is,  
 here they trust ed Him be fore us,

He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
 gave us ears and the con - gave us eyes, He has  
 holds in view the and the cong - us u'ror's crown. He has  
 jus - tice there smiles and ses asks no more. He who  
 now there prai ses fil the sky: "You have

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He who  
 washed us with His blood, He who  
 washed us with Your blood, You have

washed us with His blood, He has  
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 washed us with Your blood, He who  
 washed us with Your blood, You have

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He pre -  
 washed us with His blood, Soon will  
 washed us with His blood, Has se -  
 washed us with Your blood, You are

brought us nigh to God.  
 sends our soul to God.  
 bring us home to God.  
 cured our way to God.  
 wor - thy Lamb of God!"

## 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).



### Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,  
You're the well that never runs dry,  
I'm the branch and You are the vine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*Be my strength, my song in the night,  
Be my all, my treasure my prize;  
I am Yours, forever Your mine,  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the victories still in front of me,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Dee Wilson (2020)*

## Scripture Reading

### Ezra 5 (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.*

Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.<sup>2</sup> Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God that is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.

<sup>3</sup> At the same time Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shethar-bozenai and their associates came to them and spoke to them thus: "Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?"<sup>4</sup> They also asked them this: "What are the names of the men who are building this building?"<sup>5</sup> But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until the report should reach

Darius and then an answer be returned by letter concerning it.

<sup>6</sup> This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shethar-bozenai and his associates, the governors who were in the province Beyond the River, sent to Darius the king.<sup>7</sup> They sent him a report, in which was written as follows: "To Darius the king, all peace.<sup>8</sup> Be it known to the king that we went to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God. It is being built with huge stones, and timber is laid in the walls. This work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.<sup>9</sup> Then we asked those elders and spoke to them thus: 'Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?'"<sup>10</sup> We also asked them their names, for your information, that we might write down the names of their leaders.<sup>11</sup> And

this was their reply to us: 'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished. <sup>12</sup> But because our fathers had angered the God of heaven, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried away the people to Babylonia. <sup>13</sup> However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree that this house of God should be rebuilt. <sup>14</sup> And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of

Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; <sup>15</sup> and he said to him, "Take these vessels, go and put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its site." <sup>16</sup> Then this Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundations of the house of God that is in Jerusalem, and from that time until now it has been in building, and it is not yet finished.' <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if it seems good to the king, let search be made in the royal archives there in Babylon, to see whether a decree was issued by Cyrus the king for the rebuilding of this house of God in Jerusalem. And let the king send us his pleasure in this matter."

## 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.*

## Notes:

## 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.

### 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.

### The Feast

With wondering eyes, Lord we admire the feast prepared by grace;  
Come, Lord, and set our souls on fire, and fill each heart with peace.  
These emblems of thy precious love, by faith may we receive!  
And with a solemn pleasure prove, we in thy name believe.

*We eat this bread, we drink this wine,  
Come give yourself to us.  
We know you're here, that's why we've come,  
To feast on thee with love.*

No goodness of our own we bring; we're sinners vile and base;  
Christ is our all; of Christ we sing, and long to see his face.  
O may we each, with heart and tongue sing, "Worthy is the Lamb";  
To him alone the praise belongs, and we'll adore his name.

*William Gadsby (verses), 1838, Karl Digerness (2004)*

# Sending Song

Establish the Work of Our Hands

Aaron Keys, Sandra McCracken, Isaac Wardell (2017)



1. If You don't build it, we la - bor in vain.  
 2. Teach us to num - ber the length of our days.



With-out Your Spi - rit, we stand with no strength.  
 Pour out Your pow - er, we'll pour out our praise.



I know my life is pass - ing a - way,  
 Teach us to run, to fin - ish the race,



But the works of Your hands are what will re - main.  
 for on - ly what's done in love will re - main.



Let the fa - vor of the Lord rest u - pon



us: O Lord es - ta - blish the work of our hands.



O Lord es - ta - blish the work of our hands!

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

from Philippians 4:7

*What is the benediction? Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = “well,” and dicere = “to speak”); a benediction is a word which “speaks wellness/goodness” to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God’s people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God’s people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.*

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:	\$22,768	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$642,680	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Oct. 6)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$662,246	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	\$19,566	Greensboro, NC 27408

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