

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

March 23, 2025



The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Psalm 95:1-7

Why a "call to worship"? Worship is something we offer to God every day of our lives in everything that we do. If we are worshiping as we come in the church doors, why do we have a Call to Worship? Implied in the phrase is the word "corporate." When we hear the Call to (corporate) Worship, we are called by God as one community to worship Him together.

What is unique about Sunday is not that we worship on that day and not others; it is that we worship together.

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: **For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Songs of Praise

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)

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*You are holy, You are mighty, You are evermore the same,
You are faithful, never-failing, all the glory to Your name!*

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith, Welsh melody (1867), ch. M. Van Patter

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 and merciful God:

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We confess we dishonor You

by our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength we stumble;

proclaiming our own goodness we sin;

glorying in our own righteousness

we corrupt everything we touch.

We turn from You, and desire lasting satisfaction
from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,
cleanse the darkness from our lives,
turn our faces toward You.

In the name of Your most precious son,
Jesus Christ, we pray...

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Why is it called “Words of Forgiveness?” There’s a reason we don’t call this element “The Forgiveness of Sins.” As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God’s pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Passing of the Peace

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God’s goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God’s pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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 Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wea - ry. Come to the mer - cy seat;
 2. Joy of the com - fort-less, light for the stray - ing, hope of the pen - i - tent,
 3. Come taste the bread of life, bro - ken for sin - ners; drink from the cup of His



fer - vent - ly kneel. Here, bring your wound - ed heart, bro - ken and need - y.
 peace in our strife; Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 pro - mise made sure. Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters.



Come un - to Je - sus, might - y to heal. Come un - to
 "My yoke is ea - sy, my bur - den is light.
 Grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er more.



Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.



Lay down your bur - dens; He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus; rest in His love.

Matt Merker, Laura Story, Jordan Kaughlin (2023)

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).



Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together.
The poor are blessed, the weary rest, we will dance forever.
The blinded see, the chained are free, the doubtful now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home, You are my Redeemer.

*Behold, behold, behold what love can do!
Behold, behold, He's making all things new!*

The lost return, the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake, creation all composing.
The sad untrue, the earth renewed, the song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive, You are my Redeemer.

*Behold, behold, behold what love can do!
Behold, behold, He's making all things new!*

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed,
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.
We've been struck down, we're not destroyed,
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.
My eyes are open!

Taylor Leonhardt (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

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.

Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

The Church's Mission: The Lost

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Luke where we are exploring "The Church's Mission." 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 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...

Hosanna In the Highest

Greg LaFollette (2018)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho-sa-na-in the
high - est! Ho-sa-na-in the high - est! Ho-sa-na - in the
high - est! And bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ____

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.' The second and third staves contain 'Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho-sa-na-in the high - est! Ho-sa-na-in the high - est! Ho-sa-na - in the' and 'high - est! Ho-sa-na-in the high - est! Ho-sa-na - in the' respectively. The fourth staff contains 'high - est! And bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ____'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and triplets.

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.

The Ninety and Nine

There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold—
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine.
Are they not enough for thee?
But the Shepherd made answer: 'Tis of mine
Has wandered away from me.
And although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep.

But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed,
Nor how dark was the night the Lord pass'd
Ere he found his sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert he heard its cry—
Sick and helpless and ready to die.

But all thru' the mountains, thunder-riv'n,
And up from the rocky steep,
There rose such a cry to the gate of Heav'n,
"Rejoice, I have found my sheep!"
And the angels echoed around the throne,
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!"

Elizabeth Clephane (1868), Ira Sankey (1874)

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.

Sending Song

Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: Go now, knowing that all our God and Father asks of us,
 He provides through the power of His Spirit
 and through the work of His Son.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$37,715	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$201,608	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 16)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$244,722	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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