

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

April 27, 2025



The Second Sunday of Eastertide

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 66:1-5

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: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

All: **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

Leader: All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

All: **Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

Songs of Praise

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.

Great Things

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet;
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes;
He has done great things, He has done great things.

*Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave,
You free every captive and break every chain,
Oh God, You have done great things!
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive;
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.
Oh God, You have done great things!*

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again for Your promise is "Yes and Amen",
You will do great things, God, You do great things!

Hallelujah God, above it all,
Hallelujah God, unshakable,
Hallelujah, You have done great things!

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (2018)

Justice Will Roll Down

Sandra McCracken (2010)



1. Oh my love, you have grown so cold to the world out-
 2. Oh my child, I will be your light in your se-cret
 3. Soon, oh soon, when the trum-pet sounds, ev-'ry knee will



side, to the house next door. She who has been
 pain, in the dark of night. No en - e - my, no
 bend, ev-'ry heart will pound. I have made a



loved ___ much, ___ has so much to give, mer-cy is the
 con-quer-or ___ will steal you life from me, I am your sal-
 new ___ world, ___ where the ser-vant is the King, op-pres-sion will be



fra - grance of the brok - en. ___
 va - tion, ___ and your vic - tory. ___
 o - ver, ___ and the slave set free.



Jus-tice will ___ roll down, ___ oh jus-tice will ___ roll down, ___ from



high up - on ___ those moun - tians with a might - y ri - ver sound,



___ it will roll down, ___ it will roll down. ___

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.

Merciful God:

We confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
So that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
for the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord...

*** time for silent confession of sin ***

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).

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Psalm 34:22

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.

Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.
 As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.
 As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.
 As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
 In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side.
 And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
 In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed
 For every moment, every moment.

David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)

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).*



All Things Rise

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.

Sam Yoder (2015)

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.

2 Timothy 1:1-18 (ESV)

p.935 IN CHURCH BIBLE

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his

own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you will know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Sermon

The Church Leaders' Orders: Be Single Minded

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the book of 2 Timothy where we are exploring God's call and direction for church leaders. 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.

Love of God

It's so good, I almost can't believe it—
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream;
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me.

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?
All my life, my heart will sing the answer,
Only the love of God.

*Singing oh, how great is the love of God,
He paid our debt on that rugged cross.
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise,
How great is the love of God.*

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance,
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee.
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence,
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed!

For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?
Only the love of God.

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high, too marvelous for words;
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth,

This all my life, the banner I'll be waving,
My anthem cry no matter what may come,
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song.

Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham, Cody Carnes, Benjamin Hastings (2024)

Sending Song

None But Thee

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven,
Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.
Thy commission we rely on,
We will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion
And Thy victory o'er the grave,
We who know Thy great salvation
Are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising,
We the ancient path pursue.
Buried with our Lord and rising
To a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master,
Captives of Thy blessed grace.
Offering our lives hereafter,
We resolve to seek Thy face.

John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Romans 15:13

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 God of hope fill you
 with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
 so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$27,911	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$293,248	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - April 20)		Hope Chapel
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