

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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The Psalms Project

At the beginning of the year, we put out a call to artists in our church to contribute to an ambitious project; to write original songs and create visual artwork to accompany each of the 15 Psalms that would be part of our summer sermon series. Our creative community responded enthusiastically and has been hard at work since then crafting art that will come alongside the teaching and worship to help our congregation engage the Psalms more deeply!

Each Sunday you will hear (and most weeks be invited to sing!) a new song and will see a reproduction of the visual art created for the Psalm. The original art piece will be displayed in the sanctuary near the stage. In September we are planning a night to play all of the songs together and will set up a gallery with all 15 art pieces.

Artist Statements

Visual Art:

Barrie Johnson / Water / photograph

I was drawn to the phrase from verse 3 which says, "The Voice of the Lord is over the waters...". Water is a powerful force with the capacity for both blessing and destruction. I am reassured to know that the Lord's voice is above it, and any other force of this world. I shot this photograph on 120 film using a medium-format camera which I think captures light better than other formats.

Music:

Robin Conine / The Voice of Jehovah

Psalm 29 uses vivid, cataclysmic, strong language to illustrate God's power. His glory thunders, the wilderness shakes, trees of the forest are cracked in half. This setting of the Psalm emphasizes God's might, and uses some adapted language from hymn writer Horatius Bonar's setting of the same Psalm. In this setting, I also made the storytelling choice to partner the Psalm's power language with the unified language about God's intimate and tender love of man that we see in places like Matthew 10:29-10:31 and Matthew 19:14. God holds life and death in His (good) hands, and blesses us with peace through his strength.

Reflection

*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

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 145:9-12, 21

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

Leader: The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

All: **All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

All: **so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

All: **Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

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.

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)

All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving
And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.
We pour out Your praise in Your presence
And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.
And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!
As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;
All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven
 A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.
 We lift up a shout for You are risen,
 And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!
 And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!
 Come on and pour His praises out,
 Come on and sing His praises now!

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2017)

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.

Glorious God:
 We confess before You
 The sin of being underwhelmed by who You are.

Your glory doesn't captivate us like it should.
 Your holiness doesn't humble us like it should.
 Your love doesn't comfort us like it should.

And so we ask You to forgive us
 And reveal Your glory to us again,
 That we might see it together and rejoice,
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

*** 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).

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

from Psalm 34

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.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
And I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

Carl Boberg (1885), Swedish folk melody

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.

Psalms 29 (ESV)

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- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Sermon

How to Worship God: Singing Our Praise

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Psalms, where we learn about how God's "songbook" shapes us as Christians. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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).



The Voice of Jehovah (Psalm 29)

Text: Horatius Bonar (1865)
Music & Add. Lyrics: Robin Conine (2025)

1.O give to Je - ho - vah you heirs of the might - y the
2.The voice of Je - ho - vah is o - ver the wa - ters; in
3.All life in His tem - ple, His glo - ry pro - claim - ing; God
4.The voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; yet

9
an - gels sur - round Him, His glo - ry out - poured,
thun - der the God of all glo - ry draws nigh,
sits on the flood, He is King on His throne,
He takes as child - ren the weak and the small.

6
O give to Je - ho - vah the ho - nor and glo - ry; in
And o - ver the waves of the wide flow - ing wa - ters, Je -
Je - ho - vah gives strength to His own cho - sen peo - ple; Je -
The voice of Je - ho - vah is break - ing the ce - dars, the

9
beau - ty of ho - li - ness kneel and a - dore. In
- ho - vah as King is ma - jes - tic on high, Je -
- ho - vah with peace e - ver bless - es His own, Je -
gift of for - give - ness He off - ers to all the

11
beau - ty of ho - li - ness kneel and a - dore. The
- ho - vah as King is ma - jes - tic on high.
- ho - vah with peace e - ver bless - es His own.
voice of Je - ho - vah in ma - jes - ty calls!

14
voice of the Lord flash - es forth flames of fire. The wil - der - ness shakes and the

17
deer give birth. Life and death are in His hands, all heav - en sur - rounds Him with

21
glo - ry and pow'r, all heav - en sur - rounds Him with glo - ry and pow'r!

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

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Minister: Lift up your hearts!
All: We lift them up to the Lord!
 Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere
 to give thanks to You, O Lord. Therefore with angels and
 archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify
 Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

Hosanna In the Highest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
 Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
 Hosanna in the highest,
 and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Greg LaFollette (2018)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Approach

Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine,
 and use these elements to communicate to us
 the mercy of your Son,
 that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us
 to die to ourselves, and live for your glory,
 now and forever, amen.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Brothers and sisters,
 since the Lord has fed us at his Table,
 let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!
 Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits,

Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,

All: who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God,
with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. 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.

Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinners

Jesus, faithful Friend of sinners,
 God incarnate, pure and sinless;
 I am full of all that hinders—
 Empty, lonely, lost and friendless.

Jesus, tender Shepherd faithful,
 God in fullness here below;
 I am anxious, dull, ungrateful,
 Prone to wander, full of woe.

Jesus, Servant, precious treasure,
 Gave your life my life to win.
 I am vain, pursuing pleasure,
 Full of hunger, self and sin.

Jesus, Savior, blessed Redeemer—
 Filled with mercy overflowing,
 I'm forgiven without measure—
 Friend of sinners, glorious King!

Douglas Bond, Gregory Wilbur (2014)

Sending Song**All Glory Be To Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
 Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
 A mist that vanishes at dawn – all glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ!
 His rule and reign will ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above;
 Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
 Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price,
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ.

When on the day the great I AM, the faithful and the true,
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
 Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light;
 And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

Dustin Kensrue (2012), Scottish folk melody

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace
 at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

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