

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**June 29, 2025**



**Ordinary Time**

# 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:

*Jeanne Johnston / Psalm 46 / watercolor gouache*

*Reading scripture is a daily practice, but responding to scripture is a God-given act. I paint in response to the scripture's language, how I feel, and God's guidance.*

*Psalm 46 gives me security, safety, and a feeling of calm because the Lord of Hosts is always with us. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God...Come, behold the works of the Lord... He makes wars cease to the end of the earth....Be still and know that I am God (PSALM 46: 4, 8, 9, 10.)*

*This painting was done in watercolor gouache using only two colors, blue and yellow, to represent a simple river stream leading to God's assurance.*

### Music:

*Molly Scarborough / You Are Here*

*Having a baby has always been one of my deepest desires—but childbirth was one of my greatest fears. As I prepared to welcome our now nearly 3-month-old son, I wrote this song to cling to in moments of fear. Though labor was surprisingly smooth, I wasn't prepared for the overwhelming anxiety that followed postpartum. In a way I didn't expect, God has beautifully used these lyrics from Psalm 46 to comfort me when I struggled (and sometimes still do) to "be still and know." I pray this song brings peace to your heart in whatever chaotic, scary, or heartbreaking situation you're facing.*

## Reflection

*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 9:7-11

***To God be the glory!** It is easy in our sinful nature and cultural context to place ourselves at the center of things. It feels very natural for us to seek attention, approval, and our own glory. Worship beautifully disrupts and displaces us from the "center," calling us to turn our attention and affection to Jesus. In worship, we are reminded that our lives orbit God and that God deserves all of the glory!*

Leader: The Lord reigns forever;  
he has established his throne for judgment.

**All: He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**All: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

## 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.*

### Sing With All Your Heart

Let the weak look to their brother,  
Lean on a shoulder when they can't stand.  
No shame in needing one another,  
Reach out and take hold of a healing hand.

*Rejoice, again, I say rejoice;  
Sinners, strangers, we're welcomed in!  
Lift up your hands, lift up your voice,  
Sing with all your heart, he calls you friend!  
Sing with all your heart, he calls you friend!*

Let the strong carry their neighbor,  
Bind up the wounded and wash their feet.  
Open your door and set your table;  
The place of honor for the least of these.

*Jacob Sooter, Jess Ray, Matt Maher, Taylor Leonhardt (2023)*

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;  
And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;  
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
 The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
 His kingdom is forever!

*Martin Luther (1529)*

## 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.*

Holy Father, forgive us.  
 Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves.  
 Though You should rule us, we control ourselves.  
 Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

For we think Your truth too high,  
     Your will too hard,  
     Your power to remote,  
     Your love too free.  
 But they are not!  
 And without them,  
     we are of all people most miserable.

Heal our confused minds with Your word,  
     our divided will with Your law,  
     our troubled conscience with Your love  
     and our anxious hearts with Your presence,  
     all for the sake of your Son,  
     who loved us and gave Himself for us...

*\*\* 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).*

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalms 28:6-9

## 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!*

## 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.*

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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)

## 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).



## 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.*

### This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring. God reigns, let the earth be glad.

*Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English melody*

## 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.*

### **Psalm 46** (ESV)

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To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamoth. A Song.

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*



<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

## Sermon

### How to Worship God: Singing Our Confidence

*Michael Van Patter is Hope Chapel's director of worship & culture. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Psalms, where we learn about how God's "song-book" teaches us to worship. For past sermons, please visit our website.*

**You Are Here (Psalm 46)**

Our refuge and our strength,  
You are right here when we're afraid;  
So we won't fear when the earth gives way,  
When the storm is raging and our trust is fading.

We're reminded that there's a place  
Where Your spirit floods the space.  
And it's in us, in our very hearts,  
You are here in our midst so we will not forget...

*To be still and know that You are God,  
You are in control of all the earth!  
What do we have to fear, cause You are here?  
Oh my soul, just be still and know.*

At Your word the wars will cease,  
To the chaos You will bring peace.  
So in the chaos in my mind right now,  
God, be my fortress and I will not forget...

I can rest here in Your safe arms,  
You will help me when morning dawns;  
Why would I worry, when You're my God?  
You will be with me in death and life.

*Molly Scarborough (2025)*

## 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.

**Feed On Me**

Bounty original, fullness above yielded creation, abundant in love;  
 A garden, a calling to nurture and name,  
 love's naked fruitfulness hidden from shame,  
 But there in the fullness, an emptiness still, that He alone would fill.  
 "All this I give you: the wind and the light,  
 the soil rendered into the body's delight!  
 The gift of My Image, the fruit of the tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Deep in our hunger, we nourished a fear:  
 "What we were made for is not given here."  
 We ate the forbidden, and emptiness grew,  
 swallowing all of the life that we knew,  
 But there in the exile of toil and of pain, His fullness still remained.  
 "All this I give you: the ram and the fire,  
 and manna to answer the desert's desire,  
 the fields for the gleanings, the richest fare free.  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Emptiness threatened to swallow the earth  
 'til heaven's banquet came down in His birth.  
 Now, false food forsaking, He feeds us again  
 nets full and breaking and bread gathered in,  
 But love's greatest table, no angel could tell: He feeds us with Himself.  
 "All this I give you: the True Bread come down,  
 a table of joy for the lost ones, now found,  
 The blood and the body, the deep mystery;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Truly, we share now in Love's banquet song! Yet still we hunger and cry out "How long?"  
 A pilgrimage people now making our way  
 nourishing hope at this table of faith,  
 But coming a banquet desire meets delight, and faith gives way to sight.  
 "All this I give you: My fullness again,  
 the garden restored from the curses of sin,  
 The feast of a wedding, the flowering tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

*Greg Thompson, Isaac Wardell (2013)*

## Sending Song

### My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus Name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In é'vry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall comes with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Edward Mote (1834), William Bradbury (1863)*

## 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

Given Last Week:	\$14,866	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$458,200	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - June 22)		Hope Chapel
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