

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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:

Michael Van Patter / Sources of Sorrow / Clay, paper ephemera, palm ash

“Ephemera” are items which were not originally designed to be preserved, but have been collected or retained. The paper mache on this piece is made up of ephemera: newspapers, magazines, patterns, maps, and handwritten notes spanning over 70 years. They represent something of the ongoing sorrow we live with in a fallen world. Ash is a common symbol in Scripture for mourning and the fragility of life. Together, the ash and ephemera invite engagement with our neediness and frailty. But even in the bleak realities of living in a broken world, the gospel gives us hopeful words to hold. Isaiah’s prophesy about the Messiah described him as one who would bestow on the mourner “a crown of beauty instead of ashes” (Is. 61:3).

Lyrics:

Tamara Mesko / A Communal Lament (Psalm 88)

I attempted to bear witness to the emotions of deep grief and solitary affliction in Psalm 88, while expressing in the chorus how the strength of communal singing can sustain us when we are feeling weak. The perseverance of the writer’s continual pleading through desperate form of faith, while receiving no consolation, and connecting only with the dark, is truly admirable. Relief never arrives, yet he “cries out day and night”, which may be the purest form of prayer.

The water imagery in the Psalm also inspired me, responding to the desolation of being immersed in silence, adrift, with no help in sight. I sought to honor these bleak, heavy feelings of absence and isolation, while asking the Spirit to comfort us as we practice lament together.

Gathering Song

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.

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 heavens 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

Revelation 15:3-4

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: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
 Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
 Who will not fear you, O Lord,
 and bring glory to your name?
 For you alone are holy.

**All: All nations will come and worship before you,
 for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

God of All Eternity

You spoke and and the darkness surrendered to light,
 The angels in chorus rejoiced at the sight!
 Most amazing story, Eden filled with glory,
 Leaped into form at the Makers delight.

Wild things of sea, restless clouds come, then go;
 Winter to spring, mountain streams overflow.
 Providence attends it, Who can comprehend it?
 All of creation gives praise to the Lord!

*To the only God of all be Glory;
 He reigns with mercy and strength!
 Who was, and is and evermore shall be,
 The God of all Eternity!*

Satan deceived, Eve and Adam were cursed;
 Soon there would be a most glorious reverse.
 Jesus our salvation, born of humble station,
 Our God became flesh to redeem this world.

Offering his body, a ransom for sin,
 Dying, then rising, He's coming again.
 Since our God is for us, Who can stand against us?
 His love that holds us will never end.

Justin Unger, Walt Harrah (2024)

Confession of Sin

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

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 ***

Words of Forgiveness

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.

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:18-20

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!

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).



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.

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,
 Friend most sure and true:
 Long my heart was burning,
 Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,
 So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me: take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.
 Though the earth be shaking,
 Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
 Fire may flash and thunder crash;
 But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness, then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
 Though the clouds will gather,
 Those who love the Savior can have peace within.
 Though we bear much sorrow here,
 Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!
 Pain or loss or shame or cross
 Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

*Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine Winkworth (1863)
 music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

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 88 (ESV)

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A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

- ¹ O Lord, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.
- ² Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!
- ³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- ⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
- ⁵ like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
- ⁶ You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
- ⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*
- ⁸ You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- ⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.
- ¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you? *Selah*
- ¹¹ Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- ¹² Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

- ¹³ But I, O Lord, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- ¹⁴ O Lord, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?
- ¹⁵ Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
- ¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
- ¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
- ¹⁸ You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.

Sermon

How to Worship God: Singing Our Sorrows, part 2

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" teaches us to worship. For past sermons, please visit our website.

Notes:

A Communal Lament (Psalm 88)

I am poor in spirit, and rich in suffering,
 My eyes grow dim with grief; I endure, though I am weak.
 Has Your light forgotten me? I am crying for relief.
 Even lost in darkness, I still look for Your coming.

Who will bear my burdens, when my friends are far away?
 My soul cries out for comfort, consumed with scarcity.
 Your waves wash over me; I'm still lost, in need of saving.
 Even sinking in sorrow, I will wait for You desperately.

*We sing with deep compassion, we pray through heavy tears,
 We groan and long for mercy, give grace to all our fears!
 We sing with deep compassion, we pray through heavy tears,
 We groan and long for mercy, give grace to all our fears!*

I cry for help, lamenting: has Your love abandoned me?
 You're absent, You are silent; my heart's in need of healing.
 I plead with You in anguish, waiting for Your rescue.
 Dark floods overwhelm me; I still ask You to send us peace.

*We sing with deep compassion, we pray through heavy tears,
 We groan and long for mercy, give grace to all our fears!
 We sing with deep compassion, we pray through heavy tears,
 We groan and long for mercy, give grace to all our fears!*

Lyrics: Tamara Mesko (2025)

Music: Michael Van Patter, Haven Sink, Charlie Swing (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.

Well Within Your Grace

When sorrows stay by our side,
When heartbreak is on our mind,
When praises seem out of touch,
When we're sure we've had enough;
You have never given up on us.

*Jesus you're beside us, come feast or famine—
Whatever happens, You're good just the same.
We set our affection on things of heaven;
Our darkest hour is well within Your grace.*

We've seen You time after time,
Now trauma has closed our eyes.
Awaken our hearts to hope
When there's nowhere left to go;
You will always be our rock, our home.

Lord be our mediation,
Our thought by thought salvation.
'Til You come again, 'til You come again.
You promised not to leave us,
Sometimes we leave You, Jesus;
Lord we want to stay, Lord we want to stay.

Brian Morykon (2025)

Sending Song

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
 Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
 Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
 Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
 Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
 On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
 Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)

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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