

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**July 13, 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:

*Amanda Hilgeman / Psalm 19 / Collage*

*The heavens declare the glory of God. My intention was to create a “blurred” landscape that is distinct and indistinct at the same time because David’s words create that contrast in my mind. He speaks of the heavens pouring out speech but without words. The heavens raising its voice but without audible sound. From all corners of the earth, when we look into the ever-transforming beauty of the sky, we understand we are the recipients of something altogether higher than us. May our awe and meditation be acceptable in the Creator’s sight!*

## 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

## 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 Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King.

*St. Francis of Assisi, tune is LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

## 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

Psalms 63:1-5

***An Invitation.** The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!*

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**All: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

### Flourishing (from Psalm 119)

Teach me, oh God to follow your decrees.  
Give me understanding, your word, I want to keep.  
Direct me in the path, of your commands,  
For there I find delight, my will is in your hands.

Turn my heart away from worthless things,  
Preserve my life, according to your ways.  
Take away disgrace; You hold me in my place— flourishing.

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love.  
Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good.  
Temptation loses pow'r, my soul's revived;  
In righteousness, oh God, preserve my life.

Sandra McCracken (2015)

## 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 God:

We confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect.

The way of your commandments is the way of life;

Your statutes make us wise and keep us from sin.

Yet we have violated your law;

We have broken your commandments;

We have dishonored your name.

We ask your forgiveness;

And we thank you for sending Jesus,

Who perfectly obeyed your law,

And died for our sin

So that we might live to righteousness.

By Your grace, give us Your Spirit,

That we might walk in wholehearted obedience to you.

*\*\* 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).*

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

## 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!*

## Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

***Responding to grace:** After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.*

## 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).*



### Whole Heart

When I am broken, when I'm afraid,  
When I don't have it together, when I lose my way,  
There is a place where I can go  
Where I am safe, where I am home...

*And I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, my whole heart.  
Yes I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, with my whole heart.*

You know my story, You've always been  
My true companion, my Faithful friend;  
There's not a moment of my life  
I live without You by my side...

Let every anxious part of me, and every fearful thought in me,  
 Be set free, set free in Your peace, Your peace.  
 Let every shackle on me break, and every shadow fall away  
 I'm set free set free in Your peace, Your peace.

*Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan, Jess Ray (2021)*

## 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.

### **Psalm 19** (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.
- <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## Sermon

### How to Worship God: Celebrating God's Law

*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.*

## Sermon Notes:

### Psalm 19

May the words (*may the words*) that I speak (*that I speak*),  
May the thoughts (*may the thoughts*) that I think (*that I think*)  
Be pleasing to You (*be pleasing to You*).

*There is one who is perfect,  
There is one who is righteous,  
There is one, who shines brighter than the sun;  
Jesus, my rock and my redeemer.*

There no word (*there's no word*) creation speaks (*creation speaks*),  
There's no voice (*there's no voice*) that is heard (*that is heard*),  
That You don't create (*that You don't create*).

Lord, Your words (*Lord, Your words*) open my eyes (*open my eyes*)  
And Your truths (*and Your truths*) make me wise (*make me wise*).  
Your law revives my soul (*Your law revives my soul*).

## 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.

**God Speaks (Psalm 50)**

In the fire that burns up the ground, in the storm that swirls in the clouds,  
 In the thunder that makes the mountains tremble;  
 To the sun rising over the earth, to creation declaring your worth,  
 To the heavens that tell us of your greatness;  
 God speaks, God speaks. He will not keep silent.

*We sing our song to You as an offering of praise.  
 We lift our voice to You, giving thanks for all our days.  
 In times of trouble we will call out Your name—  
 Our god, our help always.*

Out of Zion where beauty is found, in your glory that shines all around,  
 To your people who bow to you in wonder;  
 To the moon as it welcomes the night, to your children who live in the light,  
 To the ones who are faithful and unshaken;  
 God speaks, God speaks. He will not keep silent.

What can we bring you that isn't already yours?  
 You know the birds of the hills.  
 And you made the heavens and you named each evening star,  
 So we'll come with grateful hearts

*Haven Sink (2025)*

**Sending Song****The Lord Is My Joy**

The Lord is my joy...  
 When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.  
 The Lord is my strength...  
 When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing king,  
 My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...  
 When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.  
 The Lord is my delight...  
 Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,  
 In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;  
 Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.  
 You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.  
 Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,  
 I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

## 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:	\$18,764	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$494,856	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - July 6)		Hope Chapel
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