

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:

Jeanne Johnston / Psalm 3 / Cold wax on paper

Arise O'Lord, Save me O'my God! I cried aloud and he answered me from his holy hill. Faith continues through increasing challenges in our lives, but we know the Lord will answer our call, because he died on that hill and was resurrected.

This oil painting uses a cold wax medium, which allows the artist to create several layers, textures, and marks.

Music:

Mike Garrigan / Arise, O LORD! (Psalm 3)

I've come to believe in a God who is immensely gracious, supremely creative, and infinitely loving. When this Psalm project began back in January, I had been recently diagnosed with cancer. I was unsure of how effective my songwriting would be in the midst of what felt like a death sentence. But when I sat down at the keyboard and plucked through the Psalm for the first time, it was as if God reached into my heart and pulled this music out of me. What I played on that first pass ended up being the final song, mostly. I am so grateful to be able to share this music with you. God is so good.

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.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)

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 63:1-5

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: 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.**

Almighty God

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy,
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
With gratitude we raise our song to You.
Come and fill the praises of Your people,
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us,
But Your river deep floods over everything.

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)

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.

Father of mercies:

We confess that we have sinned against You.

By Your Holy Spirit,
come and work repentance in our hearts.
Help us to see You as You are:
with outstretched arms,
a loving heart,
and power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners,
and to follow Him more faithfully.

As we have received Him,
so strengthen us to walk in Him,
depend on Him,
commune with Him,
and be conformed to Him.

Give us an experience of Your grace
that makes us bold,
so that we might joyfully live
for the good of others...

*** 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.*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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.

Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together.
The poor are blessed, the weary rest, we will dance forever.
The blinded see, the chained are free, the doubtful now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home, You are my Redeemer.

*Behold, behold, behold what love can do!
Behold, behold, He's making all things new!*

The lost return, the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake, creation all composing.
The sad untrue, the earth renewed, the song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive, You are my Redeemer.

*Behold, behold, behold what love can do!
Behold, behold, He's making all things new!*

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed,
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.
We've been struck down, we're not destroyed,
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.
My eyes are open!

Taylor Leonhardt (2020)

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 3 (ESV)

p.418 IN CHURCH BIBLE

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² many are saying of my soul,

"There is no salvation for him in God." *Selah*

³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,

and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;

your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

Sermon

How to Worship God: Singing Our Sorrows

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

Notes:

Arise, O Lord! (Psalm 3)

O LORD, how many are my foes!
How many are rising against me!
How many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him";

But you O LORD are a shield about me,
My glory, the lifter of my head.
I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me.

*Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God!
Blessings be on your people.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!*

I lay down and slept;
I woke again for the LORD sustained me.
And I will not be afraid.

You strike down my enemies.
You break the teeth of the wicked.
Blessings be on your people.

*Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God!
Blessings be on your people.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!*

Mike Garrigan (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.

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

You Are With Me

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley.
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find You.
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know You're with me.

I hear Your voice when You cry, "Comfort! Comfort!"
 Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning
 Your joy breaks in with the night, I know You're with me.

*I know You're with me and You are for me,
 You've been behind me, You go before.
 You walk beside me, through darkest valleys.
 I know You are with me.*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert.
 You bring these bones back to life, You put together.
 You sing a song of delight, I know You're with me.

You will be praised. I will, oh I will wait.

Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)

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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(Jan. 1 - July 20)		Hope Chapel
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