

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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## What is liturgy?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

*adapted from City Church Philadelphia*

## 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.*

## 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.*

### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

*Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

## 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 con-  
nect with you and help you know more about our community.*



## Call to Worship

Psalm 117

*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: Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord!**

## Song of Praise

### Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,  
On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host  
Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,  
"Hallelujah to the Lamb!" You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.  
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.  
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.  
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.

*Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)*

## 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.*

Father, we come to you this morning  
as people who need to be redeemed.  
We need to be made whole.  
We confess that we need You to heal us  
for we cannot heal ourselves.

Please forgive our wandering hearts.  
We run after acceptance, prestige, wealth,  
order, pleasure and novelty  
in a desperate effort to heal our hearts.  
None of these can redeem us,  
none of these can make us whole.  
Yet we are slow to learn.  
Please forgive our faithless hearts.  
We have looked for redemption everywhere but in your arms.

We haven't looked there because we doubt your love for us.  
Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly.  
We ask this not upon our deserving it,  
or even the honesty of our confession,  
but for the sake of Jesus.  
You rejected Him, the innocent,  
in order to embrace us, the guilty...

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## Song of Lament

*“Practicing” lament: A simple definition of Biblical lament is that it is a prayer of complaint to the Lord. On any particular Sunday you may not feel a personal need to lament. Perhaps you have had an encouraging week and arrive to worship full of joy and thanksgiving. That’s wonderful! There are still at least two very practical reasons to engage in this part of worship: First, remember that we are worshipping as a community and there are others in the room (and in the broader family of believers) who are burdened this morning. You can lament with them. Second, there will be times in the future where you will find yourself in need of this language. We practice together so that we can access this language when those times come.*

### Psalm 126

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!  
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

The nations will say, “He has done great things!”  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Isaac Wardell (2011)*

## 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).*

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD!

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

<sup>9</sup> Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalm 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!*

## 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](http://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.*

### All You Do Is Good

You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
 You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
 You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
 You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

*You are good and all You do is good.  
 You are good and all You do is good.  
 You are good and all You do is good, all You do is good,  
 All You do is good.*

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves,  
 Those who hate You, You ransom, Give Your blood for their shame.  
 With the bent stem, You're tender, shield the smoldering flame,  
 You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You lift up, You, You revive, You, You restore, You, You increase, You,  
 You anoint, You, You fill up, You, You spill out, You, You release, You,  
 You make grow, You, You bring forth, You, You call out, You, You set free  
 It's who You are, It's who You were, It's who You will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind,  
 Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
 You in us, and we in You, the delight in Your face.  
 Resting here we enjoy You, and our joy is Your praise.

*Nathan Partain (2015)*

## 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.

### Jonah 3:4-10 (ESV)

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<sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

## Sermon

### Repentance for Renewal

*Michael Van Patter is Hope Chapel's director of worship & culture. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Jonah, where we learn God's mission and heart for the world, and how we are to join that mission. For past sermons, please visit our website.*

### Notes:

## 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

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

**All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to You, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of Your glory  
in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with your people  
on earth and all the company of heaven, 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: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

**All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own.**

**As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

**All: Alleluia!**

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

***Preparation for the Table***

***The Feast***

***Prayer after Communion***

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,  
We thank You that in this holy meal,  
You renew Your promises within us,  
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

**Sung together:**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Thomas Ken (1674), Louis Bourgeois (1551)*

## 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.

### Satisfied By Grace

Once more, like children, we are come to banquet with our God;  
May each one feel himself at home, and feast upon Your love.

While we receive the bread and wine, as emblems of Your death,  
Lord, raise each soul above the sign, to feast on Christ by faith.

*We've come with starving hearts and thirsty souls, satisfied by grace,  
Jesus, You've made us whole.*

*And as we take and eat body and blood: new! You're making us new  
By Your steadfast love, Your steadfast love.*

We would not come as strangers, Lord, who only see the sign,  
But, as the objects of Christ's love, would feel were one in Him.

*We've come with starving hearts and thirsty souls, satisfied by grace,  
Jesus, You've made us whole.  
And as we take and eat body and blood: new! You're making us new  
By Your steadfast love, Your steadfast love.*

Like free-born sons, we would be free from every legal chain.  
Praise Him who brought our liberty, and ever with Him reign.

*William Gadsby (b. 1773), Bobby Kier, Justin Ruddy (2011)*

## **Sending Song**

### **Justice Will Roll Down**

Oh my love, you have grown so cold  
To the world outside, to the house next door.  
She who has been loved much, has so much to give;  
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.

*Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down  
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound!  
It will roll down, it will roll down.*

Oh my child, I will be your light  
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.  
No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from me,  
I am your salvation, and your victory.

Soon, oh soon, when the trumpet sounds,  
Every knee shall bend, every heart will pound.  
I have made a new world, where the servant is the king;  
Oppression will be over, and the slave set free.

*Sandra McCracken (2010)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

Ephesians 3:20-21

*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 to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,774	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to:
Required to date: (Jan. 1 - Oct. 26)	\$788,104	
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