

WORSHIP GUIDE // AUGUST 23, 2020

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!

What's with the arrows?

Throughout the worship guide you will notice arrows pointing up, down, and side-to-side. These are a reminder that our liturgy is a dialogue-it's relational. God speaks, we respond. We extend peace to one another. God provides sustenance to us from his Word and at his Table. This morning, God invites you into this holy "dance".

Why do we sing?

We sing as a way of engaging our voices, 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.

PREPARATION // based on Philippians 2:6-8

Come church and all creation, let us worship our Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

CALLED BY GOD

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP// from Matt 11 & Ps 105

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Leader: So give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; Make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wondrous works!

® SONG OF PRAISE

Come Ye Sinners Joseph Hart (1759), Matthew Smith (2000)

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power. He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify. True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall. If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo The Incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood. Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.



CLEANSED BY GOD

⊕ CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, it's easy for us to talk about your kingdom. But for many of us, your kingdom seems distant from the way we live our lives.

We confess our distractedness.

We get so caught up into trying to make our lives work that often the noise of our lives drowns out everything else. For many of us, we keep ourselves hyper-busy to avoid thinking about our pain.

We live in constant state of escape because, in our hearts, we don't think you can really enter into our lives.

Forgive us, we pray.

We confess our distance.
We are so afraid of having you enter into our lives because it would take us out of control.
We don't trust you with our priorities, our schedules, our money, our relationships, our children, our bodies, or our reputations.
Forgive us, we pray.

Father, you have said that your Kingdom makes all things new. Prove it to us.

Meet us where we are and enter our lives.

We ask this not because we deserve it, but because Christ has earned it for us on the cross.

** time for silent confession **

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Colossian 1:18-20

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.

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.

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).

The "passing of the peace": As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from Him. In response to His grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."



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

with singing.

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 aiven 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).

CELEBRATING GOD

◆ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Nothing But the Blood Robert Lowry (1876)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow, No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see— Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing, this my plea— Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace— Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness— Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in; Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed; I'm a child of God, yes I am. In my Father's house there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.



I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am! You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed; I'm a child of God, yes I am. In my Father's house there's a place for me, I'm a child of God, yes I am.

CHANGED BY GOD

- **PRAYER OF RENEWAL**
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING // Mark 6:7-13

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff–no bread, no bag, no money in their belts– ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Sermon- Todd Jones

Series: The Gospel of Mark

Title: Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

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.

Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.

This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Mark. For past sermons, please visit our website.



SERMON NOTES:



⊕ COMMUNION

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.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful 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.

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.

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.

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.



SENT BY GOD

® GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

® SENDING SONG

Faithful One Randall Goodgame (2014)

Faithful One, we lift our praise Toward your light we turn our gaze. The weight of sin is bearing down, We need your grace to save us now.

Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail, You never fail to raise the sun, Faithful One.
Faithful One, Faithful One, You never fail, You never fail, Not my will, but Yours be done.

God of Grace I long to live By the peace you freely give. When lesser things seduce my eyes, Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear Kinship with the royal heir. You broke the bread, you poured the wine, Now I am yours and you are mine.

⊕ COMMUNITY LIFE

BLESSING & SENDING

Minister: May the peace of God,

which transcends all understanding,

guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPPERATING BUDGET ROOTED FOR RENEWAL 2021

Given Last Week: \$8,555 Goal: \$900,000 Gifts can be placed in the offering Required to Date \$347,952 Pledged: \$461,611 plate on Sundays or mailed to: (Jan. 1 - Aug 16) Needed: \$438,389

Given to Date \$305,440 Given to date: \$209,862

Over/[Under] [\$42,512] 908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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.