



# **Hope Chapel**

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // NOVEMBER 1, 2020

*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 worshipping 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.*

*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.*

*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".

## CALLED BY GOD

### ⬇️ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 42:1-3, 5-6

Leader: As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.

**All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?**

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

**All: Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.**

### ⬆️ SONG OF PRAISE

**Almighty God** *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard, Sandra McCracken (2014)*

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.

To You all hearts are open, Almighty God...



# CLEANSED BY GOD

## ① CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and forgiving God, hear our confession:

We acknowledge that we are sinners  
and we confess our sins:  
those known to us that burden our hearts,  
and those unknown to us but seen by You.

We know that before You nothing remains hidden,  
and in You everything is revealed.

Gracious and forgiving God hear our request.  
Free us from the slavery of sin;  
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;  
work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## ② WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## ③ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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 human-kind—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 resour-  
ces-time, talents, posses-  
sions-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, offer-  
ings 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: con-  
tributions made through  
Venmo are not receipted  
for tax purposes).*

# CELEBRATING GOD

## Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

**Arise, My Soul, Arise** *Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)*

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.

**'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus** *Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.



# CHANGED BY GOD

## ⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

## ⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Exodus 5:1-21

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" <sup>2</sup> But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go." <sup>3</sup> Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword." <sup>4</sup> But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens." <sup>5</sup> And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!" <sup>6</sup> The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, <sup>7</sup> "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. <sup>8</sup> But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.' <sup>9</sup> Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words."

<sup>10</sup> So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you straw. <sup>11</sup> Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.'" <sup>12</sup> So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. <sup>13</sup> The taskmasters were urgent, saying, "Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw." <sup>14</sup> And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, "Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?"

<sup>15</sup> Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, "Why do you treat your servants like this? <sup>16</sup> No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people." <sup>17</sup> But he said, "You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>18</sup> Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks."

<sup>19</sup> The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when

*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.*



they said, "You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day."<sup>20</sup> They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh;<sup>21</sup> and they said to them, "The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

*Todd is Hope Chapel's founding/lead pastor.*

*This sermon is part of a series on the Old Testament book of Exodus.*

*For past sermons, please visit our website.*

#### **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.*

**Sermon-** Todd Jones

Series: Let My People Go

Title: First Confrontation

## Ⓣ COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope. May this meal be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, sorrow, or tears, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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.**

**\*\* Institution of the elements \*\***



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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. 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.

### 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.



# SENT BY GOD

## ⬆️ SENDING SONG

**You Are With Me** *Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken (2020)*

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, I will wait!

## ↔️ COMMUNITY LIFE

### ⬆️ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

### ⬇️ 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

## OPERATING BUDGET

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Given Last Week:</b>                      | \$8,581    |
| <b>Required to Date</b><br>(Jan. 1 - Oct 25) | \$453,392  |
| <b>Given to Date</b>                         | \$403,622  |
| <b>Over/[Under]</b>                          | [\$49,770] |

Gifts can be placed in the offering  
plate on Sundays or mailed to:

Hope Chapel  
908 N. Josephine Boyd St  
Greensboro, NC 27408

### **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.*

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