

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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the FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

## PREPARATION

*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, 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.*

### Oh Our Lord

We behold the rising sun,  
The earth awakes, Your hope has come.  
As we look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

We behold the breaking dawn,  
The light that shines over everyone.  
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord.

*Oh, oh, oh our Lord, Oh, oh, oh our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain,  
Like waters rise, flood this place,  
We reach for You, we cling to You oh Lord.

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness!  
Oh, Your name is the word of truth!  
Oh, Your name, oh Your name!

*Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2011)*

## 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

*Created and Called. We believe that God created humans to be in relationship with Him, and to worship Him as their Creator. But it's more than that. He is also a loving Father who is calling, or inviting His children to come near. God's is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God

All: **For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The Lord builds up his people; he gathers them together out of exile.

All: **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: The Lord determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.

All: **Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God with instruments and voices.

All: **For he delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

Psalm 147

### I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,  
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing of the Lord's great love.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord You are the glory of all our strength,  
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

*Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)*

## 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.*

Heavenly Father, we confess  
 we dishonor you by our words, thoughts and deeds.  
 Depending on our own strength we stumble;  
 proclaiming our own goodness we sin;  
 glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch.  
 We turn from you, and desire lasting satisfaction  
 from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,  
 cleanse the darkness from our lives, turn our faces toward you.  
 In the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

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

## SONG OF LAMENT

*What is lament? The author Dan Allender says lament "is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him" and goes on to say that lament is "the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness."*

### **From the Depths of Woe (from Psalm 130)**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, a voice of lamentation.  
 Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, and hear my supplication.  
 If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
 O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth.  
 Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.  
 No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
 And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.  
 On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit.  
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support.  
 I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth.  
 My heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth.  
 Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,  
 And wait 'til God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.  
 His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.  
 Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free,  
 From all their sin and sorrow.

*Martin Luther (1523), Christopher Miner (1997)*

## 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).*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive  
 to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
 O Lord, who could stand?  
 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:1-4

## 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.*

### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

*John Newton (1779), NEW BRITAIN (1829)*

## 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).*



### Come and Tear Down the Walls

Every wall I've built up, every wall I've built up.  
Cause You deserve every piece of my heart,  
Every piece of my heart, every piece of my heart.

*Lord, I am trusting that You are a faithful Father  
And all that you have, it is good.  
You're a generous giver,  
Your love's like no other,  
Won't you come and break through to me ...*

Over and over and over again,  
I am bringing my heart to You with open hands.  
Closer and closer, You're drawing me in,  
As the depths of my heart lay before You again.

*Jenny Wahlström, Mark Alan Schoolmeesters (2016)*

## 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 a powerful and merciful 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.*

### MARK 3:20-30

<sup>20</sup> And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. <sup>21</sup> And when His own people heard about this, they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

<sup>22</sup> The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." <sup>23</sup> And so He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons and daughters of men, and whatever blasphemies they commit; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup> because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."



## SERMON

### “LIAR OR LUNATIC”

*Jim Osborne is a practicing physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been a regular part of the teaching team at Hope.*

*This sermon is part of a series called “Mark in Reverse”, where we are studying the Gospel of Mark beginning at the resurrection and moving backward. For past sermons, please visit our website. For past sermons, please visit our website.*

## 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

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 Him thanks and praise,  
joining our voices with Your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Dying, You destroyed our death;  
rising, You restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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: Merciful God, pour out Your Holy Spirit  
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking  
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: Amen.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

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. Amen.

### 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. 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.

## Bread of the World

Bread of the world, in mercy broken;  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed;  
By Whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

*Lamb of God, have mercy.  
Lamb of God, have mercy.*

Look on the heart by sorrow broken;  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

*Reginald Heber (1827); based on text from Didache, c.200  
Clint Wells (2011), Luke Brodine (2011)*

## SENDING SONG

### Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.  
As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.  
As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, Hand of God, my defense, by my side.  
And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed  
For every moment, every moment.

*David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)*

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### BLESSING & SENDING

*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:** And also with you.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$12,589	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to Date	\$140,400	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 20)		Hope Chapel
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