

# WORSHIP GUIDE

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EASTER SUNDAY

# FOR REFLECTION

The resurrection was indeed a miraculous display of God's power, but we should not see it as a suspension of the natural order of the world. Rather it was the beginning of the restoration of the natural order of the world, the world as God intended it to be. . . . The resurrection means not merely that Christians have a hope for the future but that they have a hope that comes from the future. The Bible's startling message is that when Jesus rose, he brought the future kingdom of God into the present.

Timothy Keller, *Hope in Times of Fear*

The point of the resurrection...is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die... What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it... What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether (as the hymn so mistakenly puts it...). They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom.

N.T. Wright, *Surprised By Hope*

From beginning to end, the Holy Scriptures testify that the predicament of fallen humanity is so serious, so grave, so irremediable from within, that nothing short of divine intervention can rectify it.

Flemming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

We won't give up on love, it is a given  
And given things can always live again.  
The stone is rolled away, the rocks are riven  
We won't give up on love, it is a given  
The grave is made the very gate of heaven  
We sowed in tears, but here's the golden grain:  
We won't give up on love, it is a given  
And Love's the given thing that lives again.

Malcolm Guite, "An Easter Triolet"

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Two of the fingers on his right hand  
had been broken

so when he poured back into that hand it surprised  
him — it hurt him at first.

And the whole body was too small. Imagine  
the sky trying to fit into a tunnel carved into a hill.

He came into it two ways:  
From the outside, as we step into a pair of pants.

And from the center — suddenly all at once.  
Then he felt himself awake in the dark alone.

Marie Howe, "Easter"

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Where he sat in a room apart  
from all he had ever known,  
alone in Easter morning light,  
I read him the story of Magdalene  
grieving at the tomb alone,  
and the appearing Gardener:  
"Why weepest thou? Whom  
seekest thou?" From far in absence,  
in silence, he heard me. "That  
is a beautiful story," he told me.

Wendell Berry, "Sabbath Poem, 2010 (III)"

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## 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: Christ, who died, lives again! Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

LEADER: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

LEADER: God has claimed us as his own.

ALL: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

based on I Peter 1:3-5

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley (1739), Lyra Davidica (1708)*

### 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 that 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.

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)*

## 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.*

*Sin is a word that means, at its core, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.*

Almighty God,  
When You raised Jesus from the grave,  
You shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by ways that lead to death and emptiness.  
We return to our sinful ways  
instead of stepping into the new life You give.  
Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded.

In the bright light of Easter morning, Lord,  
our sin is exposed, and Your grace is revealed.  
Raise us in Your love so that, with joy,  
we may be found in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.

*\*\* time for silent confession of sin \*\**

## 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).*

LEADER: This is what the Lord says:

“Death is swallowed in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

For sin is the sting that results in death.

ALL: **But thank God! He has given us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

LEADER: In Christ, our sins are forgiven, death has no grip on us,  
and we will share in His victory.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

LEADER: Christ is Risen! ALL: **He is Risen indeed!**

based on 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

## 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.*

### Christ Is Risen (Come Awake)

Let no one caught in sin remain  
 Inside the lie of inward shame,  
 We fix our eyes upon the cross  
 And run to Him who showed great love,  
 And bled for us— freely You bled, for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead,  
 Trampling over death by death;  
 Come awake! Come awake!  
 Come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
 You bow to none but heaven's will.  
 No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
 No burden great can hold You down;  
 In strength You reign,  
 forever let Your church proclaim

Oh death! Where is your sting?  
 Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
 Oh Church! Come stand in the light,  
 The glory of God has defeated the night!  
 Oh death! Where is your sting?  
 Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
 Oh Church! Come stand in the light,  
 Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive!

*Matt Maher & Mia Fields (2009)*

## 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).*



### Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
 Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
 But do you know that all the dark  
 Won't stop the light from getting through? (We do).  
 Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
 Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
 Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
 Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
 The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
 Is He worthy of this? He is!*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
 Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
 And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
 Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)



*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
 The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
 He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
 From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,  
 He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
 Is He worthy of this? He is!*

*Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive (2017)*

## 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.*

### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 & 5:1-11

<sup>4:13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

<sup>5:1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## SERMON

### “What to Expect When You’re Resurrecting”

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. For past sermons, please visit our website.*

## BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

*We take a special offering each Easter and Christmas Eve for a benevolence fund. This is outside of our operating budget and is used to help those within our congregation with practical needs. If you would like to give specifically to the benevolence fund, you may drop a check or cash in the offering plate, give online at [hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give) or through the QR code (be sure to specify 'benevolence' online).*



### Be Ye Glad

In these days of confused situations,  
In these nights of a restless remorse,  
When the heart and the soul of the nation  
lay wounded and cold as a corpse.  
From the grave of the innocent Adam  
comes a song bringing joy to the sad.  
All your cries have been heard and the ransom,  
has been paid up in full, be ye glad.

*Oh, be ye glad! Oh, be ye glad!  
Every debt that you ever had  
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord,  
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad!*

From the dungeon a rumor is stirring:  
You have heard it again and again,  
But this time the cell keys are turning,  
and outside there are faces of friends.  
Though your body lay weary from wasting,  
And your eyes show the sorrow they've had.  
Oh the love that your heart is now tasting  
has opened the gate, be ye glad.

So be like lights on the rim of the water,  
giving hope in a storm sea of night;  
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter  
for these fugitives in their flight.  
For you are timeless and part of a puzzle,  
You are winsome and young as a lad  
And there is no disease or no struggle  
that can pull you from God, be ye glad.

*Michael Kelly Blanchard (1980)*

## 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 & 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.

### Until He Comes Again

By this we remember in faith, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

By this we remember in hope, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

*When He comes again like a thief in the night,  
When He comes again all the wrongs will be right;  
Oh the earth lifted up as heaven comes down,  
We remember until He comes again.*

By this we remember in love, as we gather with bread and wine,  
we remember until He comes again.

*Ricky Vasquez, Ike Ndolo, Sandra McCracken,  
Mitch Wong & Matt Maher (2022)*

## SENDING SONG

### 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.

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! My eyes are open!

*Taylor Leonhardt (2020)*

## 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: May the God of peace,  
                   who raised to life the Great Shepherd of the sheep,  
                   make us ready to do His will in every good thing,  
                   through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

ALL:           Amen.

MINISTER: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL:           The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

from Hebrews 13:20

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Given Last Week:	\$29,038	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - April 2)		Hope Chapel
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