

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

February 26, 2023



the first Sunday of Lent

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.

All Ye Refugees

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation sings you home...

*Welcome home, gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.
Welcome home, gather round,
All ye refugees, come in.*

Oh refugee, I did not cast you out,
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs.
My body and my blood,
The healing that you need, come and receive...

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be,
Watch and wait and see, for the morning!

Go out in joy and join the great procession,
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice.
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation, with one voice...

Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, and Flo Paris (2014)

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

Leader: I will sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.

**All: The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

**All: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

from Exodus 15

Song of Praise

We Sing Holy

God of ages, faithful to a thousand generations,
A thousand more will echo out Your praises, Your praises.

We bow in reverence and fall before the matchless son of heaven,
And join the angel's song within Your presence, in your presence we sing...

*Holy! You're holy! You stand alone and there is none who's
Worthy, so worthy to receive all honor and all
Glory, all glory! Forever seated high upon Your throne,
It belongs to You alone, so we sing holy! We sing holy!*

Behold the glory, we wonder in Your radiance and beauty,
Breathing in the air of grace and mercy, Your grace and mercy, we sing...

Be Lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!
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Chris Clayton Jonathan Turner (2021)

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 in heaven, we need to be forgiven.
We have tried to heal ourselves.

Instead of trusting in your love for us,
we have tried to work off our guilt.
We have tried so hard to pile up
good deeds that outweigh our sins.
When this doesn't work,
we quickly turn to denial and distraction.

Instead of trusting in the Holy Spirit's power,
we have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
This has left some of us arrogant.
This has left most of us anxious and depressed.

Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
Forgive us for neglecting your grace.
Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake.

*** 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."

How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
 How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
 On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
 How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
 We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
 'Til we see our home descending from the sky
 Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
 How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
 How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
 How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
 Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

Isaac Wardell (2016)

Words of Forgiveness

We are not alone. The Bible teaches that Jesus understands what it is to be human. Because He was fully man, He is compassionate and merciful toward us in our sin and failures. But not only can He sympathize with us, Jesus also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Passing of the Peace

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."

Giving of Tithes & Offering

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).



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.

Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;
 All my days I've been held in Your hands.
 From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
 I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,
 All my life You have been so, so good!
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
 In darkest nights, You are close like no other.
 I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;
 I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (2018)

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Sermon

“The Ministry of the Holy Spirit”

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series called “Witness: The Movement Continues”, where we are studying the book of Acts and its call to cultivate shalom. 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.

Spirit

Be still now child, when you've lost your way
 And the hell of yesterday bleeds into today.
 I see the storm is raging, inside and all around,
 You're a tempest tossed, til you're lost
 And feeling for the ground.

*Oh I will never leave you, orphaned all alone
 I'll send my Spirit to come and call you home*

I see the broken edges and the tearing of your will;
 In the secret dark of the human heart
 And I'll lean in closer still
 'Cause I got mercy miles and miles, I got truth full of years;
 And it goes on for ages, stretching into the clear.

Jeremy Casella (2019)

Sending Song**The Church's One Foundation**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 she is his new creation by water and the Word.
 From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
 her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
 till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel Stone (1866), Brian Moss (1996)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Minister: May our Faithful God,
 who has promised never to leave or forsake you,
 fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,
 so that you may overflow with hope
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

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| Required to date: | \$102,305 | plate on Sundays or mailed to: |
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