

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**May 21, 2023**



**the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## Preparation

*To all who are weary and need rest;  
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
 To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
 To all who fail and desire strength;  
 To all who sin and need a Savior —  
 This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,  
 the ally of his enemies, the defender of the guilty,  
 the justifier of the inexcusable, the friend of sinners.  
 Welcome!*

## 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.*

### We Sing the Mighty Power

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
 that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
 We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
 the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
 he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
 Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,  
 if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
 and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
 while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
 and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

*Text: Isaac Watts (1715), Tune: ELLACOMBE (1784)*

## 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: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

Psalm 145:1-7

### Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name  
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.  
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate  
And of Your awesome power we will tell.  
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!  
You are too beautiful for us to fathom!  
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth  
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.  
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth  
To bear the sins of those He came to save.  
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

## 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.*

Almighty God,  
We confess that we have  
grown sinfully comfortable in the futility of this life.

We are cynical and suspicious of the hope of redemption.  
We work and see in it little of Your purpose.  
We play and see in it little of Your pleasure.  
We groan to be changed for the better and see in it little of Your promise.

Startle us we pray,  
with truth that will shake us  
and with love that will not let us go.

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

## Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus is the image of the invisible God,

**All: Who, being found in appearance as a man,  
humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!**

Leader: We were alienated from God  
and were enemies in our minds, doing evil deeds.

**All: But now he has reconciled us  
by Christ's physical body through death  
to present us holy in his sight,  
without blemish and free from accusation.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God, and we are his people.**

based on Colossians 1:15, 21-22; Philippians 2:8; Psalm 95:6-7

## Passing of the Peace

## Songs of Praise

### This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
 And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
 That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.  
 You laid down Your life that I would be set free.  
 Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!*

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
 Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
 The King of Glory, the King of Glory.  
 Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

*Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham (2012)*

## 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).*



## Satisfied

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cold spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me 'til my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,  
the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
through His blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was and sought for riches; something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing, bread of Life, so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

*Clara Williams (1875), Karl Digerness (1997)*

## 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

### Acts 19:21-41

*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.*

<sup>21</sup> Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." <sup>22</sup> And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

<sup>23</sup> About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. <sup>24</sup> For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. <sup>25</sup> These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. <sup>26</sup> And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. <sup>27</sup> And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

<sup>28</sup> When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>29</sup> So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. <sup>30</sup> But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. <sup>31</sup> And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. <sup>32</sup> Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. <sup>33</sup> Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. <sup>34</sup> But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

<sup>35</sup> And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? <sup>36</sup> Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. <sup>37</sup> For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. <sup>38</sup> If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. <sup>39</sup> But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. <sup>40</sup> For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." <sup>41</sup> And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

## Sermon

### “Witness and Disruption”

*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.

### All Things Are Ready

“All things are ready,” come, come to the supper spread;  
Come, rich and poor, come old and young, come, and be richly fed.  
“All things are ready,” come, the invitation’s given,  
Through Him Who now in glory sits  
At God’s right hand in heaven, all things are ready.

*The door is open wide for Christ, the Son, has died.  
Oh feast upon the love of God!  
O come where you belong, sing resurrection songs,  
All things are ready, all things are ready, come!*

“All things are ready,” come, all barriers are removed  
And God, in Christ, His precious love to fallen man has proved.  
“All things are ready,” come, tomorrow may not be;  
O sinner, come, the Savior waits  
This hour to welcome thee, all things are ready.

*Albert Midlane (1860), Matthew Smith, Sandra McCracken (2013)*

## Sending Song

### The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
 For through Your suffering I am free.  
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
 Won through Your selfless love.

*Keith Getty, Kristen Getty (2005)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$8,343	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$277,685	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - May 14)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$251,291	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$26,393]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Online giving is available on our website: [www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give](http://www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give)  
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