

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

June 18, 2023



Ordinary Time

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.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King, let the heavens ring. God reigns, let the earth be glad.

Maltbie Babcock (1901) traditional English melody

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: We praise You, O God, and we acclaim you as Lord.

All: All creation worships You, the Father everlasting.

Leader: We praise You, O Christ, King of Glory,
eternal Son of the Father. You overcame the sting of death;

All: You opened the kingdom of heaven to all who would believe.

Leader: We praise You, Holy Spirit,
our Comforter and Sustainer, Advocate and Guide.

All: You dwell among us and within us to bring us Christ's victory.

Leader: Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
receive our praises and fill us with Your love.

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of His glory.**

adapted from 4th cen. hymn "Te Deum" and Isaiah 6:3

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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Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!

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 ***

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.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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."

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.

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)

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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



All You Do Is God

You are full of compassion and abounding in love,
 You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
 You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
 You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

*You are good and all you do is good.
 You are good and all you do is good.
 You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
 All you do is good.*

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves,
 Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you blood for their shame.
 With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame,
 You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,
 You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,
 You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free
 It's who you are, It's who you were, It's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind,
 Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.
 You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.
 Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

Nathan Partain (2015)

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 22:30 - 23:11

^{22:30} But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

^{23:1} And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.”² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.³ Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”⁴ Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?”⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”

⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.⁹ Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?”¹⁰ And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Sermon

“Paul on Trial”

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

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth:
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary.
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated
 at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: 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: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits,

Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,

All: who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God,
with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. Amen.**

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.

Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for this day,
 For this morning, for this grace.
 What am I? I am Yours
 Thank You, Lord. thank You, Lord.

*This is life, this is love, to be still and know You.
 All that's lost will be gained;
 Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.*

Daily bread, daily breath,
 Ordinary faithfulness;
 Christ in me more and more
 Let it be, thank You, Lord.

With all that is within me I want to know Your ways
 The light of my salvation will never fade.
 The riches of your kindness have always been my strength
 And Christ is with me always through every age.

Jon Guera (2022)

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 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

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(Jan. 1 - June 11)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$322,655	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$13,489]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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