

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**October 1, 2023**



**15th Anniversary Sunday**



## 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

Psalm 104:24, 27-34

*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: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**All: These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works,  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.**



## Songs of Praise

### Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it-- name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place,  
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wonder, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*John Wyeth (1813), Robert Robinson (1758)*

### Glory to God

Glory to God on high,  
Let heav'n and earth reply, "Praise His name!"  
His love and grace adore,  
Who all our sorrows bore, praise His name!

*Sing aloud evermore: Worthy is the Lamb!*

Jesus, our Lord and God,  
Bore sin's tremendous load, praise His name!  
Tell what His arm has done,  
What spoils from death he won, praise His name!

Let all the hosts above  
Join in one song of love, praise His name!  
To Him ascribed be  
Honor and majesty, praise His name!

*James Allen (1831), Bowles, Swing, Van Patter (2009)*

## Story from the Community

Scott North



## 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.*

Gracious Father, You tell us that  
for everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up.<sup>1</sup>

Yet we often fail to trust Your provision.  
We struggle to believe that You are good  
and that you do good.<sup>2</sup>

Forgive us and transform us by Your Spirit.  
Be our vision, our wisdom, our foundation,  
our sustainer, our song in the night.  
Revive Your people so that we may rejoice in You.<sup>3</sup>

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

*References:*<sup>1</sup> Ecc. 3:1-3, <sup>2</sup> Psalm 119:68, <sup>3</sup> Psalm 85:6

## Words of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:18-20

[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## 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."*



# Story from the Community

Griffin Kale

## 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](https://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.*

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love! What depths of peace!  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
 For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live



There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.  
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me,  
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)*

## Prayer 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."*

God, we are a people  
 who have been shaped by your faithfulness,  
 but we have also known much heartache.  
 We have lost some of those we have loved:  
 to illness, to distance, to difference.  
 We have known seasons  
 of wilderness and transition,  
 suffering and doubt,  
 unrest and division.

God, how long must we walk in these  
 dry, weary, and parched lands,  
 thirsting for You? <sup>1</sup>  
 Evening and morning and at noon  
 we utter our complaint and moan:  
 hear our voices! <sup>2</sup>



God, You raise up the needy out of affliction. <sup>3</sup>  
 You gather them in from the lands,  
     from the east and from the west,  
     from the north and from the south. <sup>4</sup>  
 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
     and why are you in turmoil within me?  
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
     my salvation and my God. <sup>5</sup>

*References:* <sup>1</sup> Psalm 63:1, <sup>2</sup> Ps. 55:17, <sup>3</sup> Ps. 107:41, <sup>4</sup> Ps. 107:3, <sup>5</sup> Ps. 42:11

## Song of Lament

### Our Song in the Night (Psalm 77)

In the darkness, can you hear us?  
 When the night comes, are we alone?  
 Have you forgotten all of your children?  
 When we remember you, we groan.  
 But our hearts cannot be silent...

*God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone.  
 God, be our joy, be our strength, be our sheltering place;  
 Our song in the night.*

We are broken– are we forsaken?  
 Has your love gone down with the sun?  
 And your mercy through all history,  
 Is it abandoned and undone?  
 Oh our hearts cannot be silent...

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea,  
 The waters trembled, and you made a way.  
 You raised Your arm and led them to dry land;  
 Lord, will You hear us when we say,  
 That our hearts cannot be silent?

Michael Van Patter (2014)

## Story from the Community

Angie Schinke



## Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
 Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
 And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa (2020)*

## 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".*





## Story from the Community

Katie Anderson

### 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.

*Behold, behold, behold what love can do!  
Behold, behold, He's making all things new!*

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!

*Taylor Leonhardt (2020)*

## Homily

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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: Is the Father with us?

**All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Christ among us?

**All: He is.**

Minister: Is the Spirit here?

**All: He is.**

Minister: This is our God:

**All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Minister: We are His people:

**All: We are redeemed by His grace.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

**\*\* institution of elements \*\***



Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: Let us pray together:

**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.**

### **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.



## He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning, I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed,  
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide;  
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
He did not recycle to bring me gain.  
I can't remember one single regret  
In serving God only and trusting His hand.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide;  
He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song;  
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.  
God has been faithful, He will be again,  
His loving compassion, it knows no end.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide;  
He's always been faithful to me.

*Sara Groves (2001)*

## Sending Song

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.



*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan (1923)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

Minister: May the living God, who alone can renew,  
 draw near to you, strengthen you, and give you hope,  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 be among you, and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$9,089	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$555,370	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Sep. 24)		Hope Chapel
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