

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 22, 2023



Ordinary Time

Preparation

*O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

Gathering Song

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, bodies, 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.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)

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: Praise the LORD , my soul.

**All: LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

**All: I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

from Psalm 104

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
And I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

Carl Boberg (1885), Swedish folk melody

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.

God of Wisdom and Grace:

We confess to you

Our tendency to say that we know you
but fail to obey your commands.¹

We love the idea of shalom,
but we often fail to put it into practice.

We are often wise in our own sight.²

Forgive our sin and self-righteousness.

Teach us wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean;
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.³

Renew us by your grace,

that we might be cultivators of shalom in the world.

In the name of our merciful Savior Jesus,

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom...⁴

*** time for silent confession ***

References: ¹ I John 2:4; ² Romans 12:16; ³ Psalm 51:6-7; ⁴ Colossians 2:3

Words of Forgiveness

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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."

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.

Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry,
I'm the branch and You are the vine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

*Be my strength, my song in the night,
Be my all, my treasure my prize;
I am Yours, forever Your mine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Dee Wilson (2020)

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 Things Rise

God, how beautiful Your Holy Word
That formed the worlds in such goodness.
O, the shame that we would spurn it all,
To turn and fall into darkness.

God, we'll sing how through Your Son You turned
This loss and hurt into glory.
How, when scorned in death You raised Him up,
His gain's become the whole world's story.

*Let all things rise and bless Your name!
All things made right and new again.
O Lord our God, Your goodness
Is free and boundless, is reaching endless through it all.*

And on this road with every step we take,
Your faithfulness is our portion.
You've prepared a city bright and fair,
Whose gates forever stay open.

Son of God, in You we've taken up
The way of love's occupation.
O, the joy to share in Your reward,
The stunning turn of new creation.

Sam Yoder (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

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.

Whoever plans to do evil will be called a schemer.

The devising of folly is sin,

and the scoffer is an abomination to mankind. (24:8-9)

"Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant,

haughty man who acts with arrogant pride (21:24)

Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath. (29:8)

A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise. (15:12)

Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,

and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. (9:7)

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out,

and quarreling and abuse will cease. (22:10)

Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; (19:25)

When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise; (21:11)

Fools scoff at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance. (14:9)

Sermon

“Wisdom for the Scoffer”

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series called "Proverbs: Learning Skill in Salom Cultivation". 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.

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend (1995)

Sending Song

Seeds of the Kingdom

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
Far and wide, He announces new birth:
"I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
every inch of the groaning earth!"

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
is the Kingdom of God as its sown;
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
when the Kingdom of God is grown.

*Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
and we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
the Kingdom of God is near!*

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
 in the hearts of the poor and the weak.
 He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
 You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:
 from the throne of the Lamb waters pour.
 And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,
 Where the nations are healed and restored!

Wendell Kimbrough (2017)

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

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(Jan. 1 - Oct. 15)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$571,112	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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