

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## 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.*

### Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height!  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God Has made His saints victorious,  
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (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 con-  
nect with you and help you know more about our community.*



## Call to Worship

Psalm 107:8-9

*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 is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

**All: for He satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.**

## Song of Praise & Adoration

### 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)

## 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.*

Holy, wise, and loving Father,  
 we humble ourselves before You now,<sup>1</sup>  
 confessing that we are by nature sinful and unclean.<sup>2</sup>  
 Not only is all creation groaning under the effects of sin,<sup>3</sup>  
 but like ink dropped into clean water,  
 our own hearts and lives are evidence of  
 the total corruption that sin has ushered into the world.<sup>4</sup>  
 We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.  
 We acknowledge that no one is righteous,<sup>5</sup>  
 that even our best acts are as filthy rags in Your sight.<sup>6</sup>  
 and that our only hope in life and death  
 is to belong to God through the work of Jesus.<sup>7</sup>

It is in His strong name that we humbly ask You to  
 have mercy on us and forgive us.<sup>8</sup>  
 Renew us and lead us by Your Holy Spirit<sup>9</sup>  
 so that we may delight in Your will<sup>10</sup>  
 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name...<sup>11</sup>

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

### Scripture References:

<sup>1</sup> James 4:10, <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 2:3, <sup>3</sup> Romans 8:22, <sup>4</sup> Mark 7:20-23, <sup>5</sup> Romans 3:11, Psalm 53:1-3,  
<sup>6</sup> Isaiah 64:6, <sup>7</sup> Romans 14:7-9, <sup>8</sup> Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 86:1, <sup>9</sup> Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:18,  
<sup>10</sup> Psalm 40:8, <sup>11</sup> John 15:8.

## Words of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

## Passing of the Peace

*What is 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."*

## Baptism

**Sarah Pace**

daughter of Anne and Charlie Pace

**Remember your own baptism.** As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord.

*If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him.*

*If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today.*

## Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His face shine upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to You.  
The Lord turn His face towards you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever.

Michael Card (1998)

## 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.

## 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).



## Rejoice

Come and stand before your maker, full of wonder, full of fear;  
 Come behold His power and glory, yet with confidence draw near  
 For the One who holds the heavens and commands the stars above  
 Is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love.

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands and raise your voice!  
 He is worthy of our praise, rejoice!  
 Sing of mercies of your King and with trembling, rejoice!*

We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord,  
 Won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood.  
 Bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know  
 The affections of a father who will never let them go.

All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill.  
 He has walked this path before us, He is walking with us still,  
 Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise;  
 There is blessing in the battle, so take heart and stand amazed.

*Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears Your voice,  
 He will wipe away your tears rejoice,  
 In the midst of suffering, He will help you sing...*

*Dustin Kensrue, Stuart Townend (2013)*

## 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 our powerful and merciful God for 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

Romans 5:12-21

*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>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against anyone when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gracious gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many. <sup>16</sup> The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one offense, resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the gracious gift arose from many offenses, resulting in justification. <sup>17</sup> For if by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was justification of life to all mankind. <sup>19</sup> For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> The Law came in so that the offense would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, so also grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Sermon

### “Sin Abounds, but Grace Superabounds”

*Jim Osborne is a retired physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been part of the teaching team at Hope.*

*This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans, where we are exploring the doctrine of justification, or how we are made right with God. 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.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
He took upon Himself the weight of our sin  
and carried the burden of our guilt.  
He shared our life in every way,  
and though tempted, was sinless to the end.  
Baptized as Your own, He went willingly to His death  
and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All: In His dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

Minister: Sanctify this bread and wine, and use these elements  
to communicate to us the mercy of Your Son,  
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to You.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us to die  
to ourselves, and live for Your glory, now and forever, amen.**

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



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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: God 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 than 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 Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit shining like the sun,  
 A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.  
 My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross,  
 Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended; eternal, now in time.  
 A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.  
 The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won  
 Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

*It is done, it is finished; no more debt I owe!  
 Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own!*

I lay down my garments, any empty boast,  
 Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.  
 Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white,  
 No more fear of judgment, His righteousness is mine.

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death,  
 The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.  
 When I stand accepted before the throne of God,  
 I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.

*Shane Barnard, Bryan Fowler, Beth Barnard (2023)*

## Sending Song

### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;  
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
 What Father so tender is calling us home?  
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn';  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

*What is the benediction? Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"); a benediction is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God's people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God's people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.*

Minister: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give you a contrite heart.  
May Christ, who bore our sins in His body on the tree,  
heal you by His wounds.  
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$24,347	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$160,670	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 10)		Hope Chapel
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