

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**APRIL 14, 2024**



**The Third Sunday of Easter**

## Preparation

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need forgiveness;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors  
and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## 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

*Why a "call to worship"? Worship is something we offer to God every day of our lives in everything that we do. If we are worshipping as we come in the church doors, why do we have a Call to Worship? Implied in the phrase is the word "corporate." When we hear the Call to (corporate) Worship, we are called by God as one community to worship Him together.*

*What is unique about Sunday is not that we worship on that day and not others; it is that we worship together.*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**All: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.**

Psalm 95:1-2 and I Timothy 1:17

## Songs of Praise

### Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
 Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
 Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
 Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*You are holy, You are mighty, You are evermore the same,  
 You are faithful, never-failing, all the glory to Your name!*

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
 In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
 And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

*Walter Chalmers Smith, Welsh melody (1867), ch. M. Van Patter*

## 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.*

O Heavenly Father,  
 We confess that we have sinned against You  
 in thought, word, and deed;  
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*\*\* pause for silent confession \*\**

Teach us to see

that if Christ has pleased You and satisfied divine justice  
 He can also deliver us from our sins;  
 that Christ does not desire us, now justified,  
 to live in self-confidence in our own strength,  
 but gives us the law of the Spirit of life to enable us to obey You;  
 that the Spirit and His power are ours by resting on Christ's death;  
 that the Spirit of life within answers to the law without;  
 that if we do not sin we should thank You for it;  
 that if we do sin we should be humbled by it;  
 that sanctification is the evidence of reconciliation,  
 proving that faith has truly apprehended Christ.

You have taught us

that faith is nothing else than receiving Your kindness;  
 that it is a binding to Christ, a resting on Him,  
 love clinging to Him as a branch to the tree,  
 to seek life and strength from Him.

We praise You that we are Yours in our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer, "Belonging to Jesus," from The Valley of Vision*

## 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.*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

## 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."*

## New Members Join

## 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.*

### The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down;  
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise.  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings!  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

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Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

*Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)*

## 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).*



## A Thousand Hallelujahs

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,  
But this joy is mine...

*With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name;  
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise!  
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours:  
A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more!*

Who else would die for our redemption?  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?  
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done,  
But I have eternity to try...

Praise to the Lord, to the lamb,  
To the King of Heaven!  
Praise for He rose, now He reigns,  
We will sing forever.

*Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Phil Wickham (2022)*

## 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.*

## Romans 7:7-25

<sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.<sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.<sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.<sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,<sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

## Sermon

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans, where we are exploring the doctrine of sanctification, or how we become more like 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.  
              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 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.

**Feed On Me**

Bounty original, fullness above  
 yielded creation, abundant in love;  
 A garden, a calling to nurture and name,  
 love's naked fruitfulness hidden from shame,  
 But there in the fullness, an emptiness still,  
 that He alone would fill.  
 "All this I give you: the wind and the light,  
 the soil rendered into the body's delight!  
 The gift of My Image, the fruit of the tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Deep in our hunger, we nourished a fear:  
 "What we were made for is not given here."  
 We ate the forbidden, and emptiness grew,  
 swallowing all of the life that we knew,  
 But there in the exile of toil and of pain,  
 His fullness still remained.  
 "All this I give you: the ram and the fire,  
 and manna to answer the desert's desire,  
 the fields for the gleaning, the richest fare free.  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Emptiness threatened to swallow the earth  
 'til heaven's banquet came down in His birth.  
 Now, false food forsaking, He feeds us again  
 nets full and breaking and bread gathered in,  
 But love's greatest table, no angel could tell:  
 He feeds us with Himself.  
 "All this I give you: the True Bread come down,  
 a table of joy for the lost ones, now found,  
 The blood and the body, the deep mystery;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

Truly, we share now in Love's banquet song!  
 Yet still we hunger and cry out "How long?"  
 A pilgrimage people now making our way  
 nourishing hope at this table of faith,  
 But coming a banquet desire meets delight,  
 and faith gives way to sight.  
 "All this I give you: My fullness again,  
 the garden restored from the curses of sin,  
 The feast of a wedding, the flowering tree;  
 Feed on Me! Feed on Me! Feed on Me."

## Sending Song

### Flourishing (from Psalm 119)

Teach me, oh God to follow your decrees.  
 Give me understanding, your word, I want to keep.  
 Direct me in the path, of your commands,  
 For there I find delight, my will is in your hands.

*Turn my heart away from worthless things,  
 Preserve my life, according to your ways.  
 Take away disgrace; You hold me in my place— flourishing.*

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love.  
 Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good.  
 Temptation loses pow’r, my soul’s revived;  
 In righteousness, oh God, preserve my life.

*Sandra McCracken (2015)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

Minister: May our Faithful God,  
 who has promised never to leave or forsake you,  
 fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,  
 so that you may overflow with hope  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$19,804	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$224,938	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - April 7)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$221,847	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$3,090]	Greensboro, NC 27408

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