

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**APRIL 28, 2024**



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## 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, 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.*

### Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,  
On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host  
Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,  
“Hallelujah to the Lamb!” You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.  
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.  
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.  
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg (2016)

## 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: I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare Your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

Psalm 145:1-7

## Songs of Praise

### Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name  
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell.  
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate  
And of Your awesome power we will tell.  
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness...

*Because You are greater than we can imagine!  
You are too beautiful for us to fathom!  
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised!*

Every generation shall sing Your worth  
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace.  
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth  
To bear the sins of those He came to save.  
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever...

George Romanacce, Eric Grover (2009)

## 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

Galatians 4:4-7

***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.*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## 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."*

## Baptism

### Judah Cooper

*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.*

### Never See the End

Where can we run, where can we hide, that You will not find us?  
Deepest of depths, highest of heights, Your love, it chases us.  
No matter where we've been, no matter what we've done,  
We can't escape Your love.

*We will never see the end,  
We will never see the end of Your goodness.*

Though we pass through the fire,  
 Or we pass through the flood, You will be with us.  
 Though we walk through the valley,  
 The darkest of night Your love will be our light.  
 And when we are in plenty or we are in want,  
 You will always be enough.

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days,  
 We do not have to be afraid.  
 For You will never leave, You will not forsake,  
 The promises that You have made.

Jess Ray (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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



### Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
 I was lost but He brought me in;  
 Oh His love for me! Oh His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;  
 I'm a child of God, yes I am.  
 In my Father's house there's a place for me,  
 I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me;  
 His grace runs deep.  
 While I was a slave to sin,  
 Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am!  
 You are for me, not against me,  
 I am who You say I am! I am who You say I am!

*Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan (2017)*

## Scripture Reading

### Romans 8:12-30

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## 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 and 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.

**For Every Soul In Every Need**

For every soul in every need  
 He ever lives to intercede,  
 Presenting there within the veil  
 a sacrifice that cannot fail.

Our heav'nly great High Priest He stands,  
 by pierced feet and pierced hands.  
 By bleeding brow and wounded side,  
 He lives to plead for whom He died.

Whom have we, Lord, in heaven, but Thee?  
 Like ships, safe moored on stormy sea,  
 Our souls in peril, with Thee there  
 find anchorage of hope and prayer.

Set loose from earth and evermore  
 Fast bound to that eternal shore.  
 So all our life and love shall be,  
 Ascended Master, hid with Thee!

*Samual John Stone (1866), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

**Sending Song**

**All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
 Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
 Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
 Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
 Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
 Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
 Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.  
 Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
 On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
 Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

*Mary Bowly Peters (1847), Matthew Smith (2007)*

## 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 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:	\$15,924	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$257,072	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - April 21)		Hope Chapel
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