

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

APRIL 7, 2024



The Second Sunday of Easter

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.

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)

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: I will sing of Your strength;
 I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.
 For You have been to me a fortress
 and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**All: O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,
 for You, O God, are my fortress,
 the God who shows me steadfast love.**

Psalm 59:16-17

Songs of Praise

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)

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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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."

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.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp (1873)

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).



The Lord Is My Joy

The Lord is my joy...
When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.
The Lord is my strength...
When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing king,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
The Lord is my delight...
Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.

You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

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.

Romans 7:1-6

¹ Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? ² For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. ³ So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

Sermon

“Widowed from the Law and Married to Christ”

Jim Osborne is a retired physician and founding member/elder of Hope Chapel. Since 2008, he has been a regular 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 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.

Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for this day,
For this morning, for this grace.
What am I? I am Yours
Thank You, Lord. thank You, Lord.

*This is life, this is love, to be still and know You.
All that's lost will be gained;
Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.*

Daily bread, daily breath,
Ordinary faithfulness;
Christ in me more and more
Let it be, thank You, Lord.

With all that is within me I want to know Your ways
The light of my salvation will never fade.
The riches of your kindness have always been my strength
And Christ is with me always through every age.

Jon Guera (2022)

Sending Song

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
but your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown ,
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name,
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)

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

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(Jan. 1 - March 31)		Hope Chapel
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