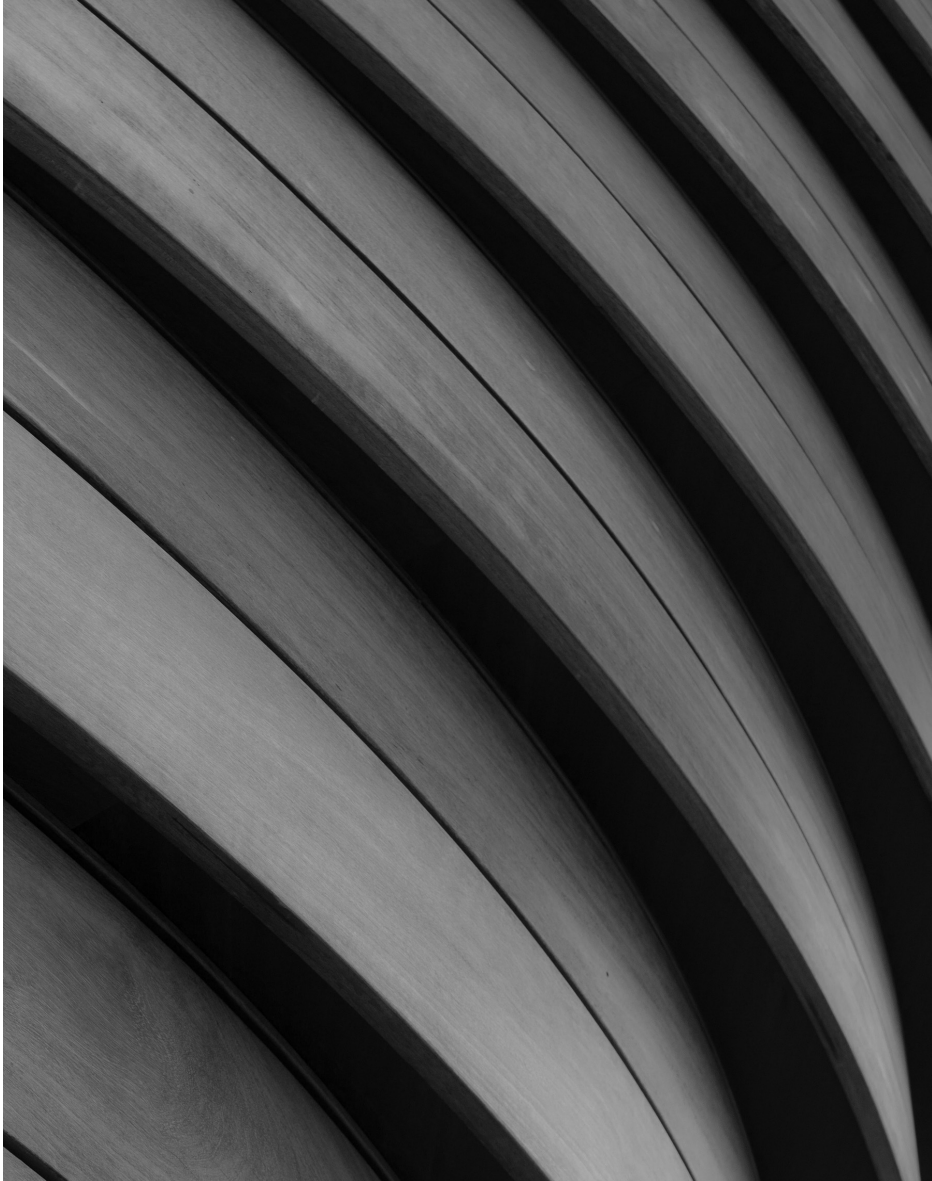


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 26, 2024



Trinity Sunday

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1826), John Dykes (1861)

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.



Graduates Recognition & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

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: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

All: **For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Song of Praise

Sing



1. Did you draw a breath as the dawn a - woke, and
2. Has the Fa - ther's love filled your long - ing heart with
3. Has the Son of God died to take a - way your
4. On the fi - nal day when the Lord on High re -



does your heart still beat? is the might - y Word of the
grace for ev - ery need? Come and lay your bur - dens at
sin and set you free? Has the Con - quer - or tram - pled
turns in ma - jes - ty, we will bow in won - der be -



liv - ing God up - hold - ing you? Then sing, O sing.
Je - sus' feet and find new strength to sing, O sing.
o - ver death Is Christ en - throned? Then sing, O sing!
fore the Lamb and ev - er - more the saints will sing!



Morn - ing and eve - ning, ev - ery - thing breath - ing must sing, O sing!



All of cre - a - tion rise up and praise the King of kings and sing!

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.

Almighty God:

We confess to you
our tendency to honor you with our lips
while our hearts are far from you.

We are content to appear righteous
instead of truly being righteous.

Forgive our sin and our self-love.

Awaken us to Your glory.

Send Your Spirit to renew and change our hearts.

*** pause for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Why is it called "Words of Forgiveness?" There's a reason we don't call this element "The Forgiveness of Sins." As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God's pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Passing of the Peace

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

Global Partner Update

Steve Gilroy with Face of Justice in San José, Costa Rica

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?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).*



Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Are you weary, heavy laden?
 Come and lay your burdens down;
 Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you, rest in Him.
 He is gentle, He is lowly,
 He delights to bring us peace;
 Tender shepherd, mighty Savior, rest in Him.

*How sure, His compassion for us,
 Oh, how deep is His love!
 So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless? Are you guilty?
 Caught in shame for all your sin?
 He pursues you, to forgive you, rest in Him.
 He has paid for every failure,
 Mercy flows in endless streams;
 Come and follow, freedom calls you, rest in Him!

Are you waiting in your sorrows
 For this broken world to heal?
 He is coming, soon returning, rest in Him.
 We will see Him, we will know him,
 O what heights of grace revealed!
 From his kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
 O trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

Prayer of Renewal

Scripture Reading

Romans 11:1-10

¹ I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ³ "Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life." ⁴ But what is the divine response to him? "I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵ In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer [e] on the basis of works, since otherwise grace is no longer grace.

⁷ What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; ⁸ just as it is written:

"God gave them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes to see not and ears to hear not,
Down to this very day."

⁹ And David says,

"May their table become a snare and a trap,
And a stumbling block and a retribution to them.

¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened to see not,
And bend their backs continually."

Sermon

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

(The Apostle's Creed)

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 our God.

**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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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: Let us pray together:

**All: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Can't Help Myself

I confess the things I am afraid of:
 thorns and danger just around the bend.
 I pray for tongues of fire and bands of angels
 to come and circle 'round me like a fence.

*I lift my eyes to the hills; where comes my help?
 I lift my hands, empty hands,
 I can't help myself, I can't help myself,
 No, I can't help myself.*

My enemies surround me like an army;
 within, without, the battle's raging on.
 I pray the Spirit will be strong and mighty
 for courage through the night until the dawn.

Sandra McCracken (2010)

Sending Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
 As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan (1923)

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 the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself,
 the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you to bear fruit,
 the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
 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

Given Last Week:	\$12,891	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - May 19)		Hope Chapel
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