

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**May 5, 2024**



**The Sixth 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.*

### Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,  
 You paint the evening sky with wonders.  
 The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,  
 All nature testifies Your splendor.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
 Sing His greatness, all creation!  
 Praise the Lord, raise your voice,  
 You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,  
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed,  
 You formed us in Your very likeness.  
 To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,  
 To join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,  
 All heaven hear the sound of worship.  
 Let every nation bring its honors to the King,  
 A roar of harmonies eternal.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa (2021)

## 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: Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion;  
to You our vows will be fulfilled.  
You who answer prayer, to You all people will come.  
When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions.  
Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.

**All: The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
You call forth songs of joy.**

Psalm 65:1-4, 8

## Songs of Praise

### We Sing Holy

God of ages, faithful to a thousand generations,  
A thousand more will echo out Your praises, Your praises.

We bow in reverence and fall before the matchless son of heaven,  
And join the angel's song within Your presence, in Your presence we sing...

*Holy! You're holy! You stand alone and there is none who's  
Worthy, so worthy to receive all honor and all  
Glory, all glory! Forever seated high upon Your throne,  
It belongs to You alone, so we sing holy! We sing holy!*

Behold the glory, we wonder in Your radiance and beauty,  
Breathing in the air of grace and mercy, Your grace and mercy, we sing...

Be lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,  
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!  
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*Chris Clayton Jonathan Turner (2021)*

## 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

Ephesians 1:7-10

***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.*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

## 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!*

## Baptisms

*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.*

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**James Gay**

### 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 accepted for tax purposes).*



### All You Do Is Good

You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
 You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
 You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
 You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

*You are good and all you do is good.  
 You are good and all you do is good.  
 You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
 All you do is good.*

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves,  
 Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you blood for their shame.  
 With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame,  
 You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,  
 You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,  
 You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free  
 It's who you are, It's who you were, It's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind,  
 Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
 You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.  
 Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

*Nathan Partain (2015)*

## 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 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 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.

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus;  
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free  
 Rolling as a mighty ocean  
 In its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me  
 Is the current of His Love;  
 Leading onward, leading homeward  
 To Thy glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus  
 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me  
 And it lifts me up to glory  
 For it lifts me up to Thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
 How He loveth, ever loveth,  
 Changeth never, nevermore.

*S. Trever Francis (1834-1925), Bunessan (1888)*

**Sending Song**

**The Everlasting Love of God**

How vast the everlasting love of God,  
 How sure and faithful as the morning.  
 This love so great for us could never fail  
 Nor end, for it had no beginning.

*O, the everlasting love of God,  
 It shall ever be my song.  
 So immense and free; more than life to me!  
 The everlasting love of God.*

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,  
 What mercy runs to meet the sinner.  
 As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,  
 His grace shall flow to me for ever.

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,  
 How pure the passion of the Savior.  
 My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,  
 My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work,  
 Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise  
 God's love through time and all eternity.  
 Shall stand and we shall stand upon it;  
 What now could separate us from it.

*Matt Papa, Matt Boswell and Matt Redman (2020)*

## 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:	\$15,889	Gifts can be placed in the offering
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(Jan. 1 - April 28)		Hope Chapel
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