

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**June 16, 2024**



**Ordinary Time**

## 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.*

### Sing

Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke  
And does your heart still beat?  
Is the mighty Word of the living God  
Upholding you? Then sing, O sing!

Has the Father's love filled your longing heart  
With grace for every need?  
Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet  
And find new strength to sing, O sing!

*Morning and evening,  
Everything breathing must sing, O sing!  
All of creation rise up and praise  
The King of kings and sing!*

Has the Son of God died to take away  
Your sin and set you free?  
Has the Conqueror trampled over death?  
Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing!

On the final day when the Lord on High  
Returns in majesty,  
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb  
And evermore the saints will sing,  
Yes, evermore the saints will sing!

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer (2024)

## 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

1 Chronicles 16:8-13

*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: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

**All: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

**All: O offspring of Israel his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

### All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving  
And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.  
We pour out Your praise in Your presence  
And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.  
And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!  
As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;  
All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven  
A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.  
We lift up a shout for You are risen,  
And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!  
And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!  
Come on and pour His praises out,  
Come on and sing His praises now!

*Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2017)*

## 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.*

Father, we come to you this morning  
 as people who need to be redeemed.  
 We need to be made whole.  
 We confess that we need You to heal us  
 for we cannot heal ourselves.

Please forgive our wandering hearts.  
 We run after acceptance, prestige, wealth,  
 order, pleasure and novelty  
 in a desperate effort to heal our hearts.  
 None of these can redeem us,  
 none of these can make us whole.  
 Yet we are slow to learn.

Please forgive our faithless hearts.  
 We have looked for redemption  
 everywhere but in Your arms.  
 We haven't looked there because we doubt Your love for us.

Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly.  
 We ask this not upon our deserving it,  
 or even the honesty of our confession, but for the sake of Jesus.  
 You rejected Him, the innocent,  
 in order to embrace us, the guilty.

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## 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.*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Ephesians 1:7

## 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!

## Installation of New Deacons

Laurie Grieves

Emmett Richardson

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



## 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.*

### Thank You Jesus for the Blood

I was a wretch, I remember who I was;  
 I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.  
 Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,  
 But from the far side of the chasm You held me in Your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,  
 Left behind heaven's throne to build it here inside.  
 And there, at the cross You paid the debt I owed;  
 Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope.

*Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
 Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
 Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life;  
 Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!*

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin;  
 You were buried for three days, but then You walked right out again.  
 And now death has no sting and life has no end,  
 For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb!

There is nothing stronger than the wonder-working power  
 Of the blood, the blood!  
 That calls us sons and daughters, we are ransomed by our Father  
 Through the blood, the blood!

*Charity Gayle, Ryan Kennedy, Steven Musso, David Gentiles, Bryan McCleery (2021)*

## 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 our powerful and merciful God for 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

### Romans 11:25-36

<sup>25</sup> Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,  
 he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;  
<sup>27</sup> “and this will be my covenant with them  
 when I take away their sins.”

<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
 or who has been his counselor?”  
<sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him  
 that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## Sermon

*JD Meeder is the director of the Greensboro Fellows program. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans. In this section (chapters 9-11) we are exploring how we integrate the doctrines of justification and sanctification into our lives in the world. 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.

**Speak, I Pray Thee Gentle Jesus**

Speak, I pray Thee, gentle Jesus; O, how passing sweet Thy words  
Breathing o'er my troubled spirit, peace which never earth affords  
All the world's distracting voices, all the tempting tones of ill  
At Thy voice, so mild, melodious are subdued and all is still

Tell me Thou art mine, O Savior; speak a true assurance clear  
Banish all my dark misgivings, still my doubting, calm my fear  
In Thy righteousness I'll triumph, in Thy wisdom I'll be wise  
In Thy robes I'm perfect beauty, in Thy power I'll arise

*William Williams (b. 1717), Kevin Twit (2015)*

**Sending Song****Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, and Thou my high tower,  
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always!  
 Thou and Thou only first in my heart;  
 High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Dallan Forgaill (8th century), Irish folk melody*

## 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:	\$22,951	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$369,541	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - June 9)		Hope Chapel
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