WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

June 23, 2024



Ordinary Time

Preparation

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need forgiveness; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Great Things

Come let us worship our King, come let us bow at His feet; He has done great things. See what our Savior has done, see how His love overcomes; He has done great things, He has done great things.

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquer the grave, You free every captive and break every chain, Oh God, You have done great things! We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive; Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high. Oh God, You have done great things!

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things. And I know You will do it again for Your promise is "Yes and Amen", You will do great things, God, You do great things!

Hallelujah God, above it all, Hallelujah God, unshakable, Hallelujah, You have done great things!

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham (2018)

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.



CLEANSED BY GOD

Psalm 66:1-4

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 Inviter, and we respond to His grace!

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

All: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

God Delights In You

Calling every daughter, calling every son, All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love; There's no need for you to fear, your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone, Anyone who's longing for a family of their own, God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

Come and sing, come and dance! The Father's singing over you. Come rejoice and be glad, For God delights in you, in you.

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own, Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home. The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be objects of Your love In spite of all we have done. You gave Your beloved Son to die for us To make us daughters and sons.

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.

Father in heaven,

wholeness, healing and flourishing

come from what You have done.

Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection,

You have reconciled us with You.

We come to You this morning forsaking our own efforts to earn your acceptance. We now turn away from them and rest in what You have done instead of trying to build a foundation on what we have done...

** 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.

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:5-7

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!

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.

Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together. The poor are blessed, the weary rest, we will dance forever. The blinded see, the chained are free, the doubtful now believer. The outcast known, the orphan home, You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, behold what love can do! Behold, behold, He's making all things new!

The lost return, the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing. The mountains shake, the world awake, creation all composing. The sad untrue, the earth renewed, the song has found its singer. The darkness light, the dead alive, You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, behold what love can do! Behold, behold, He's making all things new!

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed, We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy. We've been struck down, we're not destroyed, We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy. My eyes are open!

Taylor Leonhardt (2020)

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).



Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King, Always, only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1874), Henri A.C. Malan (1827)

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

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 11:25-36

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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. In this section (chapters 12-16) we are exploring how we apply the doctrines from the first parts of the letter to our lives in practical ways. 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.

Gratitude

All my words fall short, I've got nothing new, How could I express all my gratitude? I could sing these songs as I often do, But every song must end and You never do.

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again, 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah! And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!

I've got one response, I've got just one move, With my arm stretched wide I will worship You.

So come on, my soul, don't you get shy on me, Lift up your song 'cause you've got a lion Inside of those lungs, get up and praise the Lord!

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe (2019)

Sending Song

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts. May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are. We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown. The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come... Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, So that everyone might know Your name. Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth, Till Your sovereign work on earth is done; let Your kingdom come!

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak. Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak. Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test. By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

Bob Kauflin (2006)

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

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(Jan. 1 - June 16)		Hope Chapel
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