

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

July 28, 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.

Oh How Good to Be Together

Oh how good to be together in this weary world we trod;
What a gift, what a treasure, kindred in the house of God.

On this day the Lord has fashioned come rejoice with all your might;
Raise a banner of salvation, He has led us through the night.

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness,
To be gathered in the name of the Lord!
Evermore, He will keep us
From the valley to the golden shore.*

When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour,
In despair we sought the Father and He has proved His mighty power.

Tell the theme of His provision, how He met our every need;
He has been our firm foundation and He will ever, always be!

Paul Ranheim, Kirk Sauers (2020)

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

Psalm 86:8-10

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you,
Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All: All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God, author of all that is good.
Faithful provider and giver of life, source of all power and love.

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!
Refuge of strength to the end.
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men.*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God, radiant, holy delight.
Beautiful Father, victorious Son, source of unchangeable light.

You are light in the dark,
You are healing for the broken heart.
You are hope, you are Lord,
You are life, you are love that endures.

Powerful, constant, unwavering God, shepherd who comes for the lost.
Rock of salvation, remarkable love, savior who died on the Cross.

Brown Bannister, Ellie Holcomb (2011)

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.

Lord, You command us to follow You,
but we do not obey.
You call us to worship You,
but we do not listen.
You invite us to repent,
but we do not turn to You.

Though You have forgiven us,
we do not forgive our enemies.
Though You have loved us,
we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We acknowledge our sin and confess our weakness.
Though we are faithless,
You are always faithful!
Please forgive us for Jesus' sake,
and change us by Your Holy Spirit.

** 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.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

Passing of the Peace

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.

Abide

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)

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).



Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.
Great are You, Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

All the earth will shout Your praise,
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
Great are You, Lord!

Leslie Jordan, David Leonard (2013)

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 14:13-23

¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.[a] ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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 Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Approach

Minister: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast.

All: As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for 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.

Jesus' Prayer

Our Father, who art 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 – have mercy!
 Give us the grace to forgive those who have sinned against us.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one
 For Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power,
 Yours is the glory forever and ever, amen.

Angie Schinke (2018)

Sending Song

'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
 and to take Him at His Word;
 Just to rest upon His promise,
 and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
 just to trust His cleansing blood;
 And in simple faith to plunge me
 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
 just from sin and self to cease;
 Just from Jesus simply taking
 life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
 Precious Jesus, savior, friend;
 and I know that He is with me,
 will be with me to the end.

Louisa Stead (1882), William Kirkpatrick (b. 1838)

Blessing & Sending

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 - July 21)		Hope Chapel
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