

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

August 11, 2024



Ordinary Time

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.*

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.



Call to Worship

Psalm 145:9-12, 21

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: The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

**All: All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

**All: so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**All: Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

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.

Merciful God:

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.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
for the glory of Your holy name.
through Christ, our Lord...

*** 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.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Charles Wesley (1742), Kevin Twit (1996)

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).*



A Thousand Hallelujahs

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
 Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
 Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,
 But this joy is mine...

*With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name;
 You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise!
 Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours:
 A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more!*

Who else would die for our redemption?
 Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
 There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done,
 But I have eternity to try...

Praise to the Lord, to the Lamb, to the King of Heaven!
 Praise for He rose, now He reigns, we will sing forever.

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Phil Wickham (2022)

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 15:14-33 (NASB 2020)

¹⁴ And concerning you, my brothers and sisters, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵ But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given to me from God, ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God. ¹⁸ For I will not presume to speak of

anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and all around as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.²⁰ And in this way I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already known by name, so that I would not build on another person's foundation;²¹ but just as it is written:

"They who have not been told about Him will see,
And they who have not heard will understand."

²² For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;²³ but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you²⁴ whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while—²⁵ but now, I am going to Jerusalem, serving the [m]saints.²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.²⁷ For they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to do them a service also in material things.²⁸ Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.²⁹ I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰ Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,³¹ that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;³² so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company.³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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. 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.

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

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained;
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
but your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you.
 I am with you, I am with you
 For I have called you, called you by name,
 Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
 the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
 for all that is old will at last be made new:
 the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
 will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
 The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
 and all that is broken be healed.

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell (2017)

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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Required to date:	\$498,077	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Aug. 4)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$507,939	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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