

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

August 4, 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

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 100:4-5

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: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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.

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.

Lord, grant us Your peace,
for we have made peace with what does not give peace,
and we are afraid.

Drive us deep, now, to face ourselves so we may see
that what we truly need to fear is
our capacity to deceive and willingness to be deceived,
our loving of things and using of people,
our struggle for power and shrinking of soul,
our addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience,
our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create,
our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice,
our seeking for security and forsaking the kingdom.

Lord, grant us Your peace.
Instill in us such fear of You
as will begin to make us wise,
and such quiet courage
as will enable us to begin to make
hope visible, forgiving delightful,
loving contagious, faith liberating,
peace-making joyful and ourselves open and present
to other people and Your kingdom.

*** time for silent confession ***

Song of Lament

What is lament? The author Dan Allender says lament “is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him” and goes on to say that lament is “the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness.”

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, God, come to my rescue;
Even so the thorn remains, still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him!
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm,
You're still my God, my salvation!*

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa (2018)

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.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Passing of the Peace

The "passing of the peace": As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from Him. In response to His grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

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.

Never See the End

Where can we run, where can we hide, that You will not find us?
Deepest of depths, highest of heights, Your love, it chases us.
No matter where we've been, no matter what we've done,
We can't escape Your love.

*We will never see the end,
We will never see the end of Your goodness.*

Though we pass through the fire,
Or we pass through the flood, You will be with us.
Though we walk through the valley,
The darkest of night Your love will be our light.
And when we are in plenty or we are in want,
You will always be enough.

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days,
We do not have to be afraid.
For You will never leave, You will not forsake,
The promises that You have made.

Jess Ray (2019)

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).



His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum;
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn';
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell (2016)

Prayer of Renewal

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 15:1-13 (NASB)

¹ Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not just please ourselves. ² Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written: "The taunts of those who taunt You have fallen on Me." ⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one purpose and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision in behalf of the truth of God, to confirm the promises given to the fathers, ⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written:

"Therefore I will give praise to You among the Gentiles,
And I will sing praises to Your name."

¹⁰ Again he says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people."

¹¹ And again,
"Praise the Lord all you Gentiles,
And let all the peoples praise Him."

¹² Again Isaiah says,
"There shall come the root of Jesse,
And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles,
In Him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

NOTE: The text for next week's sermon is Romans 15:14-33

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.

Come, All Who Are Weary Come

Come all who are weary, I will give you rest.
 Come all who are striving, lean upon my breast.
 For my yoke is easy and my burden light;
 O come all who are weary, come.

Come all who are wounded, crying out, "how long?"
 Come all who are waiting for the break of dawn.
 Darkness will not hide me forever from your sight;
 O come all who are wounded, come.

Come all who are weeping, all whose hope is gone.
 Come all who are silent, all who've lost their song.
 Your every tear is numbered, Your every sorrow known;
 O come all who are weeping, come.

Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Berit Goetz (2022)

Sending Song

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
 Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
 Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
 There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
 Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
 What can avail to wash it away!
 Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
 Whiter than snow we may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
 Freely bestowed on all who believe;
 All that are longing to see His face,
 May at this moment His grace receive.

Julia H. Johnston (1911), D.B. Towner (1910)

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 28)		Hope Chapel
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