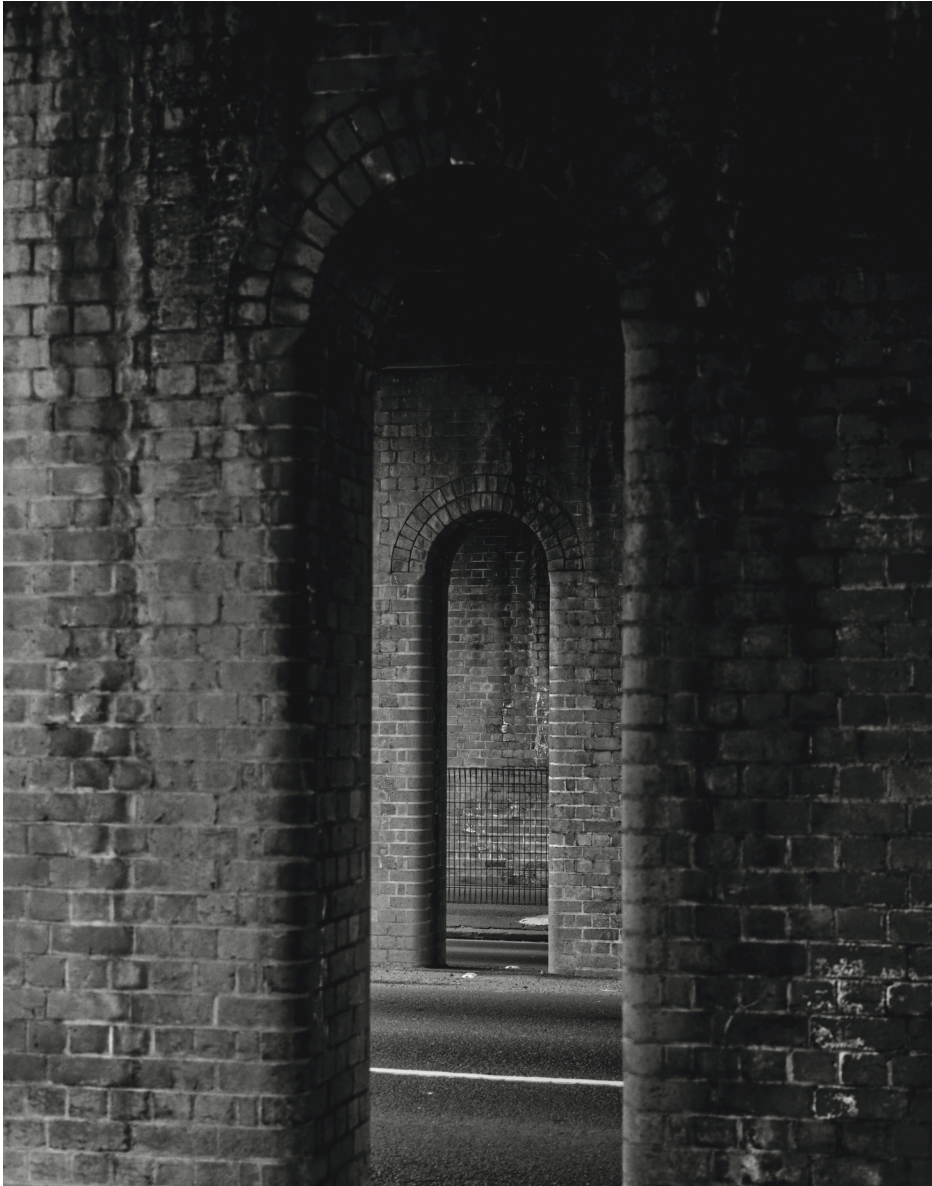


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

September 29, 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 With All Your Heart

Jacob Sooter, Jess Ray, Matt Maher, Taylor Leonhardt (2023)



1. Let the weak look to their bro-ther, lean on a shoul-der when they
2. Let the strong car-ry their neigh-bor, bind up the wounded and wash



— can't stand; no shame in need-ing — one a - no-ther,
— their feet. — O - pen your door, — and set your ta - ble;



reach out and take hold of a heal-ing hand. Re-joyce, a - gain I —
the place of ho - nor for the least of these.



— say re-joyce; sin - ners, stran-gers, we're wel-comed in! — Lift



up your hands, life up your voice; sing — with all your heart, He



calls you friend. Sing — with all your heart, He calls you friend.

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 57:7-11

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: My heart, O God, is steadfast,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.

**All: Awake, my soul!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.**

Leader: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.**

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise the Lord; praise the Lord, oh my soul!
Praise the Lord!*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)

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.

Sovereign God:

We confess that we have not lived for Your glory.
 Instead of trusting in Your provision,
 we are fraught with worry and anxiousness.
 Instead of relying on Your strength,
 we are given to hiding and self-protection.

We repent of our sin
 and we long for Your salvation.
 For the sake of Your glory,
 pour out Your renewing Spirit upon us.
 Help us to trust in Your grace
 and walk in Your ways.

*** time for silent confession ***

Words of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:3-6

Why is it called “Words of Forgiveness?” There’s a reason we don’t call this element “The Forgiveness of Sins.” As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God’s pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?
 But with you there is forgiveness,
 that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;
 My soul waits for the Lord
 more than watchmen for the morning,
 more than watchmen for the morning.

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.

O Give Thanks to the Lord

Wendell Kimbrough (2016)

(music printed on following page)

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord!



1. We were wan- d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun-
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma- king wealth



so starved and weak; we were hun- gry for a home -
 bent down with pain; in the sha- dow of death's dark -
 ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos -
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great des - truc -



land we did not know how to seek, but we lif-
 ness we were slaves to sin and blame Then we cried
 er to the death we should have died Then he heard
 tion brought us trem- bling to our knees, and we cried



ted up our voi- ces to the on - ly One who hears
 out in our la- bor to the on - ly One who hears
 of our con - di - tion and He called us by our names
 like drun-ken sai- lors to the on - ly One who hears



and the God of mer - cy came and brought us near.
 and the God of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 and the God of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
 and the God of com - fort took a - way our fears.



Chorus: Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love



en-dures for-e - ver! We were wan - der-ing and lost and our Fa -



ther brought us home to a safe dwe-lling place, to a feast



of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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).



Satisfied

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cold spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me 'til my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
through His blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was and sought for riches; something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing, bread of Life, so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

Clara Williams (1875), Karl Digerness (1997)

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

selected verses from Haggai 1 & 2 (ESV)

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.

Haggai 1:2-6, 9b-10, 12-14

² "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." ³ Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶ You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

^{9b} Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies

himself with his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. ¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD." ¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up...all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God.

Haggai 2:11a, 18-19, 21-23

"Thus says the Lord of hosts...¹⁸ Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider: ¹⁹ Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you."

²¹ "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth, ²² and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother. ²³ On that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares the LORD, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the LORD of hosts."

Sermon

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the Old Testament book of Ezra, where we are exploring the core, or essence, of what it means to be followers of God. For past sermons, please visit our website.

Notes:

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 also with you.

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise You, joining 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: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own.

**As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me,
I now completely and fully offer
myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia!

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
We thank You that in this holy meal,
You renew Your promises within us,
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

Singing of the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! 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. (*...continued on next page*)

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.

Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for this day, for this morning, for this grace.
What am I? I am Yours Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

*This is life, this is love, to be still and know You.
All that's lost will be gained;
Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.*

Daily bread, daily breath, ordinary faithfulness;
Christ in me more and more— let it be, thank You, Lord.

With all that is within me I want to know Your ways
The light of my salvation will never fade.
The riches of your kindness have always been my strength
And Christ is with me always through every age.

Jon Guera (2022)

Sending Song

Establish the Work of Our Hands

Aaron Keys, Sandra McCracken, Isaac Wardell (2017)



1. If You don't build it, we la - bor in vain.
 2. Teach us to num - ber the length of our days.



With - out Your Spi - rit, we stand with no strength.
 Pour out Your pow - er, we'll pour out our praise.



I know my life is pass - ing a - way,
 Teach us to run, to fin - ish the race,



But the works of Your hands are what will re - main.
 for on - ly what's done in love will re - main.



Let the fa - vor of the Lord rest u - pon



us: O Lord es - ta - blish the work of our hands.



O Lord es - ta - blish the work of our hands!

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

from Philippians 4:7

Minister: May the peace of God,
 which transcends all understanding,
 guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$15,016	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$610,546	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - Sep. 22)		Hope Chapel
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