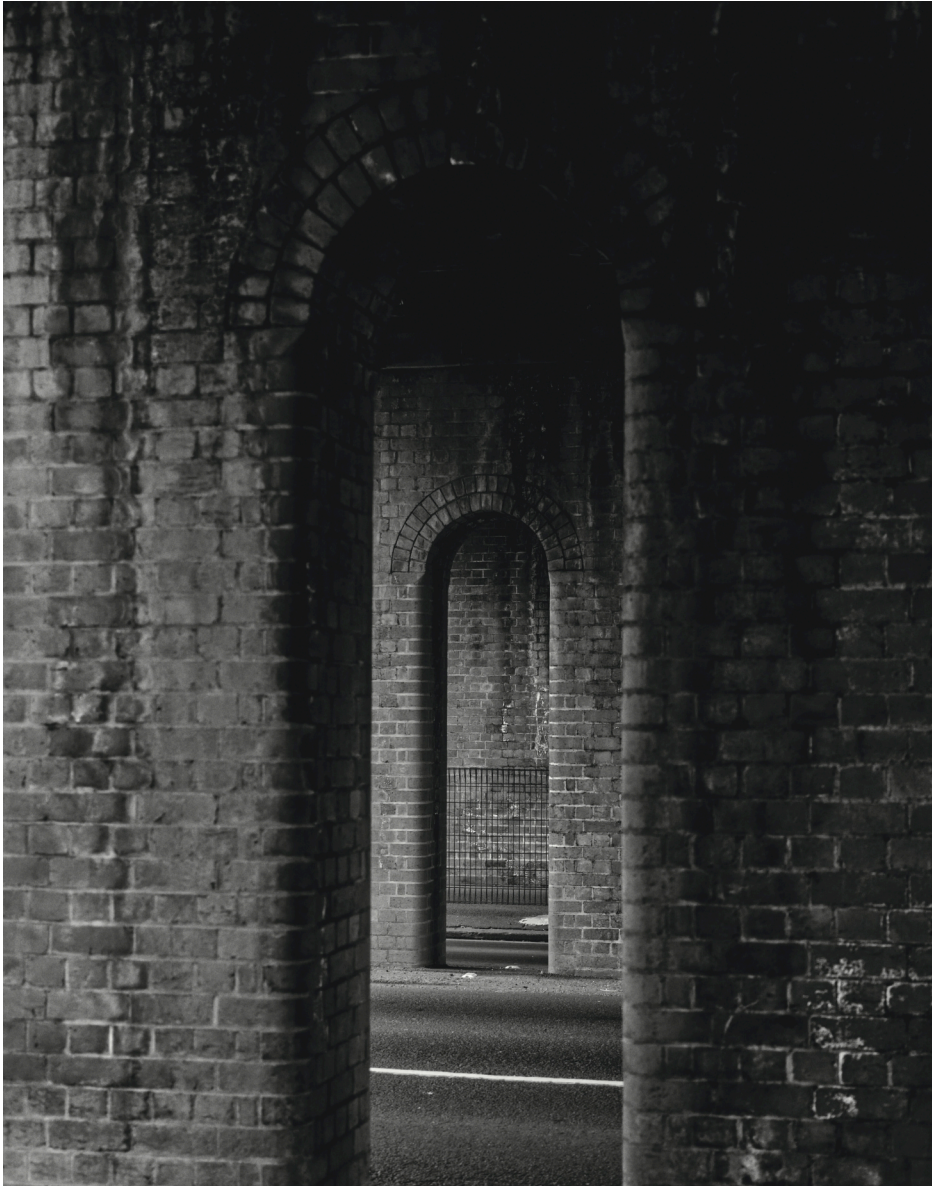


WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

October 6, 2024



Ordinary Time

What is liturgy?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

adapted from City Church Philadelphia

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)

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 59:16-17

An Invitation. The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Leader: I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

All: **O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.**

Song of Praise

Sing

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer (2024)

1. Did you draw a breath as the dawn a - woke, and
 2. Has the Fa - ther's love filled your long - ing heart with
 3. Has the Son of God died to take a - way your
 4. On the fi - nal day when the Lord on High re -

3
 does your heart still beat? is the might - y Word of the
 grace for ev - ery need? Come and lay your bur - dens at
 sin and set you free? Has the Con - quer - or tram - pled
 turns in ma - jes - ty, we will bow in won - der be -

6
 liv - ing God up - hold - ing you? Then sing, O sing.
 Je - sus' feet and find new strength to sing, O sing.
 o - ver death Is Christ en - throned? Then sing, O sing!
 fore the Lamb and ev - er - more the saints will sing!

9
 Morn - ing and eve - ning, ev - ery - thing breath - ing must sing, O sing! —

13
 All of cre - a - tion rise up and praise the King of kings — and sing!

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.

Gracious God,
 we thankfully remember the life, death, and resurrection
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Yet we also confess our failure
 to worship Him fully.

We have not rightly honored Jesus
 as the ruler of all creation.
 We have not rightly treasured
 the depth of His sacrifice on the cross.
 We have failed to proclaim Him
 as the only way of salvation.

Forgive us, we pray,
 and help us to delight in Jesus
 and to worship Him alone.

*** time for silent confession ***

Song of Lament

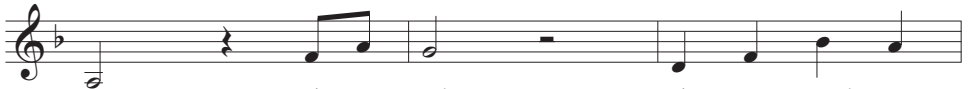
“Practicing” lament: A simple definition of Biblical lament is that it is a prayer of complaint to the Lord. On any particular Sunday you may not feel a personal need to lament. Perhaps you have had an encouraging week and arrive to worship full of joy and thanksgiving. That’s wonderful! There are still at least two very practical reasons to engage in this part of worship: First, remember that we are worshipping as a community and there are others in the room (and in the broader family of believers) who are burdened this morning. You can lament with them. Second, there will be times in the future where you will find yourself in need of this language. We practice together so that we can access prayers of lament when those times come.

My Help, My God (Psalm 42)

Sandra McCracken (2015)



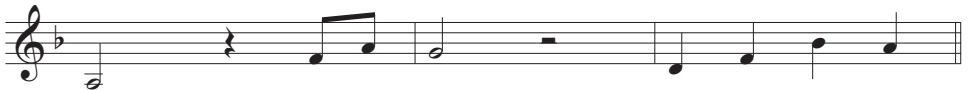
1. Why are you so full of hea - vi - ness Why are you dis - qui - et - ed with -
 2. Deep goes un - to deep like o - cean waves All your floods and ra - pids on me



in Oh my soul Oh my soul
 break Oh my soul Oh my soul



As the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks So my soul, it longs and thirsts for
 I will say un - to my God, my strength How is it you have for - got - ten
 3. Yah-weh grants His kind-ness in the day Through the night His song it is that



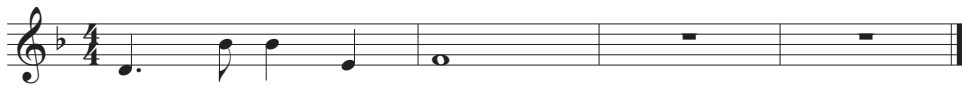
you Oh my God Oh my God
 me Oh how long Oh how long
 stays Oh my soul Oh my soul



Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to Him Put your trust in God, I will



yet give thanks to Him Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to



Him, My help, my God.

Words of Forgiveness

Psalm 28:6-9

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 (being fully God) also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,

and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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."

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).



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.

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

I was a wretch, I remember who I was;
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
But from the far side of the chasm You held me in Your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,
Left behind heaven's throne to build it here inside.
And there, at the cross You paid the debt I owed;
Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope.

*Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life;
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light!*

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin;
You were buried for three days, but then You walked right out again.
And now death has no sting and life has no end,
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb!

There is nothing stronger than the wonder-working power
Of the blood, the blood!
That calls us sons and daughters, we are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood!

Glory to His name, glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!

Charity Gayle, Ryan Kennedy, Steven Musso, David Gentiles, Bryan McCleery (2021)

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

Philippians 3:1-11 (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.

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Sermon

"Ticket or Treasure"

Ken Kunkel is an ARP pastor currently serving at the US Army Chaplain School in Fort Jackson, SC.

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.

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.

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Augustus Toplady (1776), Thomas Hastings (1830)

Sending Song**Give Reviving**

Father, for Thy promised blessing, still we plead before Thy throne.
For the times of sweet refreshing, which can come from Thee alone.
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, but in these we would not rest;
Blessings still with Thee are hidden, pour them forth and make us blessed!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever; answer, Father! Answer prayer!
 Bless, oh bless, each weak endeavor, blood-bought pardon to declare
 Wake Thy slumbering children, wake them, bid them to Thy harvest go
 Blessings, oh our Father, make, round their steps let blessings flow!

Let no people be forgotten, let Thy showers on all descend,
 That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend!
 Give reviving, give refreshing, give the looked-for Jubilee.
 To Thyself may crowds be pressing, bringing glory unto Thee!

Albert Midlane (b. 1825), Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands (2007)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

from Philippians 4:7

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 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

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