

Hopewell Worship Guide for 3/29/20

Call to Worship May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions! Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” *Psalm 20:5; Isaiah 12:6*

Invocation: Father, ruler of heaven and earth, We bow before You in this place, for you are all glorious, all wondrous, all holy. We worship You, O God, our Father, confessing with our hymns and prayers, the name of Christ, your Son, whom we acknowledge as Lord indeed. Grant to us your blessing and presence, your Word and your peace, that we may be witnesses of your truth, the reflection of your image, the ambassadors of your Kingdom, O Sovereign God, all glorious, all wondrous, all holy. To God be the glory ever on high, to Father, To Son, to Holy Spirit. Ever one God, for ages and ages. Amen

Old Testament Exodus 3:1–15 (ESV) Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people

of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

These prayer components are pulled from Matthew Henry’s Method of Prayer, a method of prayer that helps us pray the Bible. <http://www.matthewhenry.org>

Adoration: We must likewise profess our believing hope and confidence in God and his all-sufficiency, in his power, providence, and promise.

In you, O LORD, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame; Psalm 31:1 indeed, let none who wait for you be put to shame. Psalm 25:3 For God alone our souls wait in silence; from him comes our salvation: He only is our rock and our salvation! Psalm 62:1-2 In him is our glory, our might, and our refuge; and our hope is from him. Psalm 62:5-7 When no refuge remains to us, and no one cares for our souls, we cry to you, O LORD, “You are our refuge, our portion in the land of the living.” Psalm 142:4-5 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7 We will trust in your steadfast love, O God, forever and ever, and will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly. Psalm 52:8-9 We have hoped in your word; Psalm 119:81 O remember your word to your servants, in which you have made us hope. Psalm 119:49

Confession: The greater afflictions we have been under for sin, the greater is the sin if we go on in it.

You have struck us down, but we have felt no anguish; we have refused to take correction and have made our faces harder than rock, Jeremiah 5:3 and the rod has not driven the folly out of our hearts. Proverbs 22:15 You have disciplined us with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men, 2 Samuel 7:14 yet we have not turned to him who struck us, nor have we inquired of the LORD of hosts. Isaiah 9:13 When some have been overthrown as Sodom and Gomorrah were, we have been as brands plucked out of the burning; yet we have not returned to you, O LORD. Amos 4:11 And when your hand has been lifted up, we have not seen it. Isaiah 26:11

The more vows and promises we have made of better obedience, the greater has been our sin.

We have not kept the terms of the covenant that we have made before you; Jeremiah 34:18 but as traitors, we have betrayed. Isaiah 24:16 Did we not say, “We would not

transgress, Jeremiah 2:20 we would not offend anymore?" Job 34:31 We did, and yet we have returned with the dog to its own vomit; 2 Peter 2:22 we have returned to folly after God has spoken peace. Psalm 85:8

Petition: We must pray for grace to make us wiser and better every day than another.

Lord, give us to grow with a growth that is from God; Colossians 2:19 to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; 2 Peter 3:18 to hold to our way; and, having clean hands, to grow stronger and stronger. Job 17:9 Let our path be as the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. Proverbs 4:18 We have not yet obtained, nor are we already perfect; Lord, grant that therefore, forgetting what lies behind, we may strain forward to what lies ahead, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 Be like the dew to us, that we may blossom like the lily and take root like the trees of Lebanon; that our shoots may spread out and our beauty may be like the olive. Hosea 14:5-6 And let the sun of righteousness rise upon us with healing in its wings, that we may go out leaping like calves from the stall. Malachi 4:2

Thanks: For the communion of saints, that spiritual communion which we have in faith and hope and holy love, and in prayers and praises with all good Christians.

We bless you that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, 1 John 1:7 even with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2 That we, who are many, are one bread and one body; 1 Corinthians 10:17 and that though there are varieties of gifts and service and activities, yet there is the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 We thank you that all the children of God who are scattered abroad, John 11:52 are united in him who is the head of the body, the church; Colossians 1:18 so they are all our brothers and partners in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus. Revelation 1:9

Intercession: For the magistrates, the judges, and justices of peace in the several counties and corporations.

Make those who rule over us just, ruling in the fear of God; 2 Samuel 23:3 and let those who judge remember that they judge not for man but for the LORD, who is with them

in giving judgment, that therefore the fear of the LORD may be upon them. 2 Chronicles 19:6-7 Make them able men and trustworthy, men who fear God and hate a bribe, Exodus 18:21 that justice may run down like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24 Enable our magistrates to defend the weak and fatherless, to maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute, to rescue the weak and the needy, and to deliver them from the hand of the wicked; Psalm 82:3-4 and let governors never be a terror to good works, but to the evil. Romans 13:4

Intercession: The sick, those working with the sick, the spread of the gospel. Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Kevin & Jan Rutledge - Germany, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Palmetto Women's Center,

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 14: 9 Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:11–15 (ESV)

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Benediction: Grace and Peace to you who were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, who God made alive in Christ and forgave all of your sins, Go rejoicing in the Lord and be glad; for you are the upright in heart. Col. 2:13, 14; Psalm 32:11