

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/16/21

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 65:5, 1,2* Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**Invocation:** Father, you are in heaven high and lifted up higher than our highest thoughts. Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God and you alone! Receive us into your Kingdom – the coming Kingdom – the Kingdom of your anointed Son Jesus whose name we bear. Receive us, for we come to you in his name we pray in him and with him. For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

### Old Testament Psalm 8

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

*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:** *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. Psalm 19:1 Your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, Romans 1:19-20 so that they are fools without excuse who say, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1 For surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth, Psalm 58:11 and in heaven too.*

*We therefore draw near to you believing that you exist and that you powerfully and bountifully reward those who diligently seek you. Hebrews 11:6 We cannot find out the deep things of God; we cannot find out the limit of the Almighty. Job 11:7 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be*

*praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:3 Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Psalm 106:2*

**Confession:** *By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us, due to the hardness of our hearts. Ephesians 4:18 The things of the Spirit of God are folly to the natural person; neither can we understand them, in and of ourselves, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14 We are 'wise' – in doing evil! But how to do good we know not. Jeremiah 4:22 We have neither knowledge nor understanding, we walk about in darkness. Psalm 82:5 God speaks in one way, and in two, though we do not perceive it; Job 33:14 we indeed hear but never understand; Matthew 13:14 and we see men, but they look like trees, walking. Mark 8:24*

**Petition:** *Lord, we come to you, as the poor tax collector that stood far off and would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast; and we pray his prayer, "God, be merciful to us sinners." Luke 18:13 The God of infinite mercy be merciful to us! O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin; for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Psalm 51:2-3 O purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; Psalm 51:7 hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Psalm 51:9 Be merciful toward our iniquities, and remember our sins no more. Hebrews 8:12 O forgive us that great debt. Matthew 18:32 Let us be justified by your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus, Romans 3:24 from everything from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:39 O let not our iniquity be our ruin; Ezekiel 18:30 but let the Lord take away our sin, that we may not die, 2 Samuel 12:13 not die eternally; that we may not be hurt by the second death. Revelation 2:11*

*Blot out our transgressions like a cloud and our sins like mist; for we return to you, because you have redeemed us. Isaiah 44:22 Enter not into judgment with your servants, O Lord, for no one living is righteous before you. Psalm 143:2 Take away all iniquity, accept what is good, heal our apostasy, and love us freely; let your anger be turned away from us, for in you the orphan finds mercy. Hosea 14:2-4 Though our sins have been like scarlet, let them be as white as snow; and though they have been red like crimson, let them be like wool; that being willing and obedient, we may eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1:18-19*

**Thanks:** *You have comforted us in all our affliction, 2 Corinthians 1:4 have seen our affliction and known the distress of our souls; Psalm 31:7 you have wondrously shown your steadfast love to us when we were in a besieged city. Psalm 31:21 When afflictions have abounded, comforts have much more abounded. 2 Corinthians 1:5 Though for the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, yet later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness and proves to be for our good, that we might share your holiness. Hebrews 12:10-11 We have had reason to say that it was good for us that we were afflicted, that we might learn your statutes; Psalm 119:71 for before we were afflicted we went astray, but now we keep your word. Psalm 119:67 It has been but for a little while, and when it was necessary, that we were grieved by various trials; and we beg that all the trials of our faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom, though we have not seen, we love; though we do not now see him, yet we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, and are longing to receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. 1 Peter 1:6-9*

**Intercession:** *Let the branches which are broken off not continue in their unbelief, Romans 11:17 but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though a partial hardening has come upon Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved. Romans 11:23-26 Let them be made to look on him whom they have pierced; Zechariah 12:10 and, that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which lies over their hearts be removed. 2 Corinthians 3:15-16*

*Let the churches of Asia, that were golden lampstands, Revelation 1:11-12 which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk among, be made so again. Revelation 2:1 Restore to them their liberties as at the first, and their privileges as at the beginning; smelt away their dross, and remove all their alloy, Isaiah 1:25-26 and restore their fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Psalm 126:4*

*Be the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; Psalm 65:5 and let them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph and upon the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, even to the bounties of the everlasting hills. Genesis 49:26 Create peace to the far, as well as to the near. Isaiah 57:19 And let those that draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer right sacrifices. Deuteronomy 33:19*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach, 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:** *Romans 6:6* We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

**New Testament Reading:** *1 John 4:12–21*

12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**Benediction:** And now to God’s elect, Whom He has upheld since they were conceived, Carried since they were born, Hear His good promise; I am He, I will sustain you, I will carry you, I will rescue even to your old age. Isaiah 46:3-4