

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/29/21

Call to Worship *John 4:23–24*

Let us now worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and truth.
For such people the Father seeks to worship Him.

Invocation: Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, from whom comes down every good and perfect gift. Your name is holy and wonderous altogether. Father of lights, changeless in your mercy, invariable in your grace. Your name is glorious and blessed altogether. Receive us in Christ, the Light of the world, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God. Bring us into your presence, that we might become radiant in your service, lights in the world, reflecting the light of eternity. To you be all radiance, O Father of Lights, O Son, Light of Lights, O Spirit, burning fire within our hearts. One God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament *Exodus 7:8–13*

⁸ Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Prove yourselves by working a miracle,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.’ ” ¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹ Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. ¹² For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Still Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

Adoration: *Whom have we in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that we desire besides you or in comparison with you. When our flesh and our heart fail, Lord, be the strength of our heart and our portion forever, the chosen portion of our inheritance in the other world and of our cup in this; and then we will say that the lines have fallen for us in pleasant places, and that we have a beautiful inheritance. Your name and remembrance are the desire of our souls; our souls yearn for you in the night, and our spirits within us earnestly seek you. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants our soul for you, O God; our soul thirsts for God, for the living God, who commands his steadfast love by day, and at night his song is with us; a prayer to the God of our life. O that we may come hungering and thirsting after righteousness, for you fill the hungry with good things, but the rich you send away empty. O that our souls may thirst for you, and our flesh faint for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water; that we may see your power and glory, as we have*

looked upon you in the sanctuary. Your steadfast love is better than life; our souls will be satisfied with that as with fat and rich food, and then our mouths will praise you with joyful lips

Confession: *You have reared and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against you. We have ill repaid you, O LORD, as foolish and senseless people: You are our Father who created us, who made us and established us, yet our mark has not been the mark of your children. We have not made return according to the benefit done to us. We have been often reprov'd, and yet have stiffen'd our neck, and have gone on backsliding in the way of our own heart. You have sent to us, saying, “Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!” But we have not listened or inclined our ear. The word of God has been to us precept upon precept and line upon line; and though we have looked intently at our natural faces in a mirror, yet we have gone away and at once forgotten what we were like*

Petition: *Lord, enable us to rejoice always, to rejoice in the Lord always, because he has again said to us, Rejoice; that we may go on our way rejoicing, may eat our bread with joy and drink our wine with a merry heart, as we shall have reason to do if God has already approved what we do. Give us grace to serve you, the LORD our God, with joyfulness and gladness of heart in the abundance of all things; and to sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of our God. Let us have that cheerfulness of heart which is like good medicine, and deliver us from that anxiety which weighs down the heart, and that worldly grief which produces death*

Thanks: *We thank you that the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the command of the eternal God, and the gospel which has been made known to all nations for the obedience of faith, has divine power to destroy strongholds: That the Lord worked with it and confirmed the message by accompanying signs, so that Satan fell like lightning from heaven. That though the gospel was preached in the midst of much conflict, yet it continued to increase and prevail mightily, and multitudes turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven. Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come: And the exalted Redeemer rode forth with his bow and with his crown, conquering and to conquer, and nations were brought forth in one moment*

Intercession: *Counsel our counselors, and teach our elders wisdom: O give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD, to make them delight in the fear of the LORD. O do not deprive of speech those who are trusted nor take away the discernment of the elders, nor ever let the things that belong to the nation's peace be hidden from the eyes of those who are instructed with the nation's counsels. Make it to appear that you have taken your place in the divine council and hold judgment in the midst of the gods, and that when the princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham, the God of Abraham himself is among them; and let the shields of the earth belong to the Lord, that he may be highly exalted. Let there be those among us who rebuild our ancient ruins and raise up the foundations of many generations, that they may be called the repairers of the breaches and restorers of streets to dwell in*

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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: *Acts 10:43*

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 11:24–28*

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the

Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Benediction: *Psalm 27:5-6*

⁵ May the LORD hide you in his shelter in the day of trouble; May He conceal you under the cover of his tent; and lift you high upon a rock. ⁶ May the Lord lift your head up above your enemies all around you, and you offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; may you sing and make melody to the Lord.