

Hopewell Worship Guide for 10/24/21

Call to Worship *Psalm 45:6-7* ⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; ⁷you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Invocation: Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, to seek his face, and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Let us now with confidence enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. Amen

Old Testament *Isaiah 53:8-12 (ESV)*⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Adoration: *O LORD our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, you cover yourself with light as with a garment; and yet to us you make darkness your canopy for we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. This is the message which we have heard of you, and we set our seal to it that it is true: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. You are the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, and from whom proceeds every good and perfect gift. You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.*

Confession: *Lord, you made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes; and being in pomp, they did not*

understand, and therefore did not remain, but became like the beasts that perish. Through one man sin came into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned: By that one man's disobedience many were made sinners, including all of us. We are the offspring of evildoers; our father was an Amorite and our mother a Hittite; and we ourselves were called (and not miscalled) rebels from before birth, and you knew we would deal treacherously. The nature of man was planted a choice and noble vine, wholly of pure seed, but it has turned degenerate and become a wild vine, producing the grapes of Sodom and the clusters of Gomorrah. How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. For, who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. We are by nature children of wrath, because children of disobedience, like the rest of mankind. All flesh has corrupted their way; we have all turned aside; together we have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one

Petition: *Lord, is not this the word which you have spoken: that if the wicked man forsakes his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and returns to the LORD, even to our God, that you will abundantly pardon, will multiply to pardon? To you, the Lord our God, belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against you. Is not this the covenant which you have made with the house of Israel: that you will take away their sins; that you will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more; that iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found? Have you not said that if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep your statutes, he shall live; he shall not die; all his transgressions shall not be remembered against him? Have you not appointed that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in Christ's name to all nations? Did you not promise that when the sins of Israel were put upon the head of the scapegoat, they should be sent away into the wilderness, into a remote area? And as far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove our transgressions from us. O remember these words to your servants, in which you have made us hope.*

Thanks: *We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made; and that our souls, our nobler part, know very well; for no man knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him. You have made us of that rank of beings which is a little lower than the heavenly beings and is crowned with glory and honor; for it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand; and the spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD. Our bodies are capable of being the temples of the Holy Spirit, and our souls of having the Spirit of God dwell in them; we therefore glorify you with our bodies and with our spirits, which are both yours. You, Lord, have formed us for yourself, that we might declare your praise.*

Intercession: *O let the gospel be proclaimed to the whole creation; for how are men to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? And who shall send out laborers but the Lord of the harvest? Let the people dwelling in darkness see a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them let a light dawn. Add to your church day by day those who are being saved; enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Bring your offspring from the east and gather them from the west; say to the north, "Give up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring your sons from afar and your daughters from the end of the earth." Let them come with acceptance to your altar, and beautify your beautiful house; let them fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows. In every place let incense be offered to your name, and pure offerings; and from the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be great among the nations, and let the offering of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

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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: *Ephesians 2:4-6* But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:9–16

⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Benediction: : And now, may the Man of Sorrows, Who came to reclaim ruined sinners, Who sealed your pardon with His blood, And made a full atonement for helpless we. Bless you from Zion all the days of your life and direct your hearts into God's love and into the steadfastness of Christ. (2 Thes 3:5)