

Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/28/21

Call to Worship 2 Samuel 22:2–4 (ESV)

He said, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, ³ my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. ⁴ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Invocation: Great You are, O lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in Your praise, for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen

Old Testament Jeremiah 33:14–16 (ESV)¹⁴

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Adoration: *All things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account, even the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Your eyes are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good: They run to and fro throughout the whole earth, that you may give strong support to those whose hearts are blameless toward you. You search the heart and test the mind, that you may give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds. O God, you have searched us and known us! You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from afar. You search out our path and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways. Even before a word is on our tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high; we cannot attain it. Darkness is as light with you. Your understanding, O Lord, is infinite, for you determine the number of the stars, and give to all of them their names. You are wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom; wise in heart and mighty in strength. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; all according to the counsel of your own will. Oh, the*

depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Confession: *We are born of the flesh, and we are flesh. Dust we are: We have borne the image of the man of dust; and in us (that is, in our flesh) dwells nothing good. For we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out; for we do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing. We have a law in our members waging war against the law of our mind and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members; so that when we want to do right, evil lies close at hand, and clings to us so closely. The whole head is sick, the whole heart is faint; from the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in us, but bruises and sores and raw wounds. There is in us a bent to turn away from the living God: Our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately sick; who can understand them? They start aside like a treacherous bow*

Petition: *O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us; yes, let God, our God, give us his blessing. May the LORD, he who made heaven and earth, bless us from Zion; bless us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. O that you would bless us indeed! Command the blessing upon us, even life forevermore;) for you bless, O LORD, and it shall be blessed. Let us receive blessing from the LORD, even righteousness from the God of our salvation. Have you but one blessing? Indeed, you have many blessings! Bless us, even us also, O our Father; yes, let the blessing of Abraham come to us, which comes to the Gentiles through faith; and the blessing of Jacob, for we will not let you go unless you bless us. If your presence will not go with us, do not bring us up from here; never leave us nor forsake us. O cast us not away from your presence, or ever take your Holy Spirit away from us; but let us always dwell with the upright in your presence.*

Thanks: *When we have eaten and are full, we have reason to bless you for the good land that you have given us, a land which the eyes of the LORD our God are always upon, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. You make peace in our borders and fill us with the finest of the wheat: We are delivered from the sound of archers at the watering places; there, therefore, will we repeat the righteous triumphs of the LORD, the righteous triumphs of his villagers in*

Israel. We thank you that the powers that are set over us are servants of God for our good; that they seek the welfare of our people and speak peace to all our people

Intercession: *O teach transgressors your ways, and let sinners return to you. O give them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, the truth as it is in Jesus, the truth which accords with godliness; that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil. Let those who are straying like sheep return to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Show those fools their folly and misery who have said in their hearts, "There is no God," and who are corrupt and do abominable deeds. Lord, maintain the honor of the Scriptures, the teaching and the testimony, and convince those who speak not according to that word, that it is because they have no dawn. You have exalted above all things your name and your word; magnify the law, magnify the gospel, and make both glorious. Let those who will not be won by the word, be won by the conduct of Christians, which we beg may be such in everything that those who do not believe may be convicted by all and called to account by all, may be brought to worship God and to declare that God is really among them*

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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: *Luke 1:76–78 (ESV)*

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

New Testament Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 (ESV)*⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Benediction:

May the Lord, Who longs to be gracious to you, who waits on high to have compassion on you, Plant you firmly in the faith, established, steadfast and unmovable, Through the hope of the Gospel, proclaimed to all the creation under heaven. Isaiah 30:18; Colossians 1:23