

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/3/20

**Call to Worship** Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. *Hebrews 13:15*

**Invocation:** Father, all wise from everlasting. We bless you for your Word, the Word which was from the beginning, the Word which has always been with you, the Word which shares your divinity, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. Grant that we might behold him in your glory, that in the Word we might hear you, that in your Word we might speak to you, that in that Word we might meet you. To the name of Christ, your incarnate Word, be all glory, as to you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit be all praise. One God forever and ever. Amen

**Old Testament Ezekiel 34:11-16** <sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

*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:** Having thus engaged our hearts to approach God. *Jeremiah 30:21* We must solemnly address ourselves to that infinitely great and glorious Being with whom we have to do, as those who are possessed with a full belief of his presence and a holy awe and reverence of his Majesty, which we may do in such expressions as these:

*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Revelation 4:8*

*O you whose name is the LORD, who alone are the Most High over all the earth. Psalm 83:18*

*O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you; Psalm*

*63:1 our God, and we will praise you; our fathers’ God, and we will exalt you. Exodus 15:2*

*O you who are the true God, the living God, the one only living and true God, 1 Thessalonians 1:9 and the everlasting King! Jeremiah 10:10 The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4*

**Confession:** We must take hold of the great encouragement God has given us to humble ourselves before him with sorrow and shame, and to confess our sins.

*If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared; Psalm 130:3-4 with you there is steadfast love; yes, with our God there is plentiful redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Psalm 130:7-8*

*Your sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise; Psalm 51:17 indeed, though you are the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; Isaiah 57:15 though heaven is your throne and the earth your footstool, yet this is the one to whom you will look: he who is poor and humble, broken and contrite in spirit, and trembles at your word; Isaiah 66:1-2 to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15*

*You have graciously assured us that those who conceal their transgressions will not prosper, yet those who confess and forsake them will obtain mercy. Proverbs 28:13 And when a poor penitent said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” you forgave the iniquity of his sin; therefore, let everyone who is godly, in like manner, offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. Psalm 32:5-6*

*We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but you have said that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9(ESV)*

**Petition:** We must plead the promises of God for the enforcing of all our petitions, put these promises in suit, and refer ourselves to them.

*Lord, you have given us many precious and very great promises, 2 Peter 1:4 which are all Yes and Amen in Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:20 Now be it to your servants according to the word that you have spoken. 2 Samuel 7:25*

*Give us to draw water with joy from these wells of salvation, Isaiah 12:3 to nurse and be satisfied from Jerusalem’s consoling breast; Isaiah 66:11 and now, O LORD God, let the word that you have spoken concerning*

*your servants be established forever, and do as you have spoken. 1 Chronicles 17:23*

*Deal with us according to the tenor of the everlasting covenant, which is well-ordered in all things and secure, and which is all our help and all our desire. 2 Samuel 23:5*

*Turn to us and be gracious to us, as is your way with those who love your name; Psalm 119:132 do more for us than we are able to ask or think, Ephesians 3:20 and supply all our needs according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

**Thanks: For sweet communion with God in holy ordinances, and the communications of his favor.**

*We have feasted on the abundance of your house, and you have given us drink from the river of your delights: for with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Psalm 36:8-9*

*You have brought us to your holy mountain, and made us joyful in your house of prayer; Isaiah 56:7 and we have found for us it is good to be near God. Psalm 73:28*

*We have reason to say that a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and that it is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of our God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness; for the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor, and no good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! Psalm 84:10-12*

*We have sat down under your shadow with delight, and your fruit has been sweet to our taste; you have brought us to the banqueting house, and your banner over us has been love. Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

**Intercession We must pray for the whole world of mankind, the lost world; and thus, we must honor everyone, 1 Peter 2:17 and, according to our capacity, do good to everyone. Galatians 6:10**

*We pray, as we are taught, for all people, believing that this is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth and of Jesus Christ, 1 Timothy 2:3-4 who gave himself as a ransom for all. 1 Timothy 2:6*

*O look with compassion upon the world that lies in the power of the evil one, 1 John 5:19 and let the ruler of this world be cast out, who has blinded their minds. 2 Corinthians 4:4*

*O let your way be known on earth, Psalm 67:2 that barbarous nations may be civilized, and those who live without God in the world may be brought to the service of the living God; Ephesians 2:12 and thus, let your saving power be known among all nations. Let the peoples praise*

*you, O God; yes, let all the peoples praise you: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Psalm 67:2-4*

*O let your salvation and your righteousness be revealed in the sight of the nations, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God. Psalm 98:2-3*

*O make the nations your Son's heritage, and the ends of the earth his possession; Psalm 2:8 for you have said, "It is too light a thing for him to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel"; but you will make him as a light for the nations. Isaiah 49:6*

*Let all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of the Lord and of his Christ. Revelation 11:15*

**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 12:7 The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand.

**New Testament Reading: John 10:11–16**

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**Benediction:** Psalm 65:4 [And now hear from the God Who dwells in the heavenly Zion:] Blessed is the one whom He chooses and brings near, to dwell in His courts! For he will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! He will answer all who trust in Him.