

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/10/20

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, Lord of Heaven, who sent forth your Spirit to brood on the face of the waters, who poured out your Spirit upon the Apostles in the Upper Room flashing forth in flames of fire that the Church might come alive in spirit and truth. Pour out upon this congregation, gathered in the of Christ, that same Spirit, that we might come alive in holiness, that we might become brilliant in purity, that we might catch the fire of righteousness. To you be all glory, Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God from the very beginning, even now, and as long as time shall last. Amen

Old Testament *1 Chronicles 16:23–34*

²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ²⁵ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; ³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!” ³² Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! ³³ Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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: We must reverently adore God, as a Being transcendently bright and blessed, self-existent and self-sufficient, an infinite and eternal Spirit who has all perfections in himself, and give him the glory of his titles and attributes.

O LORD our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, you cover yourself with light as with a garment; Psalm 104:1-2 and yet to us you make darkness your canopy, Psalm 18:11 for we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Job 37:19

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; 1 John 1:5 God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16 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. James 1:17

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. 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Confession: We must therefore confess and bewail our original corruption in the first place: that we are the children of apostate and rebellious parents, and the nature of man is depraved and has wretchedly degenerated from its primitive purity and rectitude, and such is our nature.

Lord, you made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes; Ecclesiastes 7:29 and being in pomp, they did not understand, and therefore did not remain, but became like the beasts that perish. Psalm 49:20

Through one man sin came into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned: Romans 5:12 By that one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, including all of us. Romans 5:19 We are the offspring of evildoers; Isaiah 1:4 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. Isaiah 48:8

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, Jeremiah 2:21 producing the grapes of Sodom and the clusters of Gomorrah. Deuteronomy 32:32 How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! Lamentations 4:1 Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Psalm 51:5 For, who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. Job 14:4 We are by nature children of wrath, because children of disobedience, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:2-3

All flesh has corrupted their way; Genesis 6:12 we have all turned aside; together we have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:3

Petition: Having opened the wounds of sin, both the guilt of it and the power of it, and its remainders in us, we must next seek unto God for the remedy, for healing and help, for from him alone it is to be expected, and this also he will let us ask him to do for us. Ezekiel 36:37

And now, O Lord, for what do we wait? Truly our hope is in you. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Do not make us the scorn of the fool. Psalm 39:7-8

Lord, all our longing is before you, and our sighing is not hidden from you, Psalm 38:9 even the sighs and groanings too deep for words; for, he who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit. Romans 8:26-27

We do not think that we will be heard for our many words, for our Father knows what we need before we ask him; Matthew 6:7-8 but our Master has told us that whatever we ask of the Father in his name, he will give it to us. And he has said, "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Thanks: For gracious answers to our prayers.

We have reason to love you, O LORD, because you have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy, Psalm 130:2 and because you have inclined your ear to us; we will therefore call upon you as long as we live. Psalm 116:1-2 Out of the depths we have called to you, O LORD, Psalm 130:1 and you have heard our vows and given us the heritage of those who fear your name. Psalm 61:5 Indeed, before we have called, you have answered; and while we have been yet speaking, you have heard, Isaiah 65:24 and have said, "Here I am," Isaiah 58:9 and have been near to us whenever we call upon you. Deuteronomy 4:7 Lord, you have heard the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart, and incline your ear to hear. Psalm 10:17 Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us; Psalm 66:20 for we have prayed and gone away, and our faces have been no longer sad. 1 Samuel 1:18

Intercession For the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts and the enlargement of the church by the bringing in of many to it.

O let the gospel be proclaimed to the whole creation; Mark 16:15 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? Romans 10:14-15 And who shall send out laborers but the Lord of the harvest? Matthew 9:38

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. Matthew 4:16

Add to your church day by day those who are being saved; Acts 2:47 enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Isaiah 54:2

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." Isaiah 43:5-6 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. Isaiah 60:7-8 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, Malachi 1:11 and let the offering of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:16 O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

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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: *Isaiah 43:25* I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

New Testament Reading: James 1:16–21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Benediction: May the God Who changes not, Who has no shadow of turning, and Whose compassions fail not, Preserve you by His loving kindness, so that you might know, Great are His faithful acts, they are new every morning. *Lam. 3:22, 23 & Great is Thy Faithfulness*