

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 6/7/20

**Call to Worship** Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! *Psalm 135:3*

**Invocation:** Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace, wisdom and justice go before you; peace and righteousness are at your right hand. Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone. Give ear to our prayer in the name of Jesus, for we would worship you in him. He is our Great High Priest; He is our intercessor and mediator. Give ear to our prayer that we may serve you as a royal priesthood, your own people, for you are God and you alone. To you be all honor, all praise, and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen

**Old Testament Psalm 51:1-12** **1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! **3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. **6** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. **7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **11** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*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:** Acknowledge that he is an eternal God, immutable, without beginning of days or end of life or change of time.

*You are the King of ages, immortal, invisible. 1 Timothy 1:17 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God; Psalm 90:2 the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away; but you are the same, and your years have no end. Psalm 102:25-27 You are God and do not change; therefore we are not consumed. Malachi*

*3:6 Are you not from everlasting, O LORD our God, our Holy One? Habakkuk 1:12 You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary, whose understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28*

**Confession:** The vanity of our thoughts, their neglect of those things which they ought to be conversant with and dwelling upon those things that are unworthy of them and tend to corrupt our minds.

*Every intention of the thoughts of our heart is evil, only evil, and that continually, Genesis 6:5 and it has been so from our youth. Genesis 8:21 O how long have those wicked thoughts lodged within us! Jeremiah 4:14 Like the devising of folly, those thoughts are sin. Proverbs 24:9 From within, out of the heart, come evil thoughts, Matthew 15:19 which devise evil on the bed, Micah 2:1 and carry the heart with the fool's eyes to the ends of the earth. Proverbs 17:24 But God is not in all our thoughts; Psalm 10:4 it is well if he is in any of them. Of the Rock that bore us, we have been unmindful and have forgotten the God who gave us birth: Deuteronomy 32:18 We have forgotten him days without number, Jeremiah 2:32 and our hearts have gone after worthlessness and become worthless. Jeremiah 2:5 Our inward thought having been that our houses should continue forever; this, our way, is the path of those who have foolish confidence. Psalm 49:11-13*

**Petition:** We must plead the merit and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we rely upon as our main plea in our petition for the pardon of sin.

*We know that as you are gracious and merciful, so you are the righteous God who loves righteous deeds, Psalm 11:7 and will by no means clear the guilty. Exodus 34:7 We cannot say, "Have patience with us, and we will pay you everything," Matthew 18:26 for we are like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. Isaiah 64:6 But Jesus Christ has become to us righteousness from God; 1 Corinthians 1:30 being made to be sin, though he knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 We have sinned, but we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2 It is God who justifies, who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us, Romans 8:33-34 and whose blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:24 We desire to count everything as loss for the sake of Christ, and as rubbish, in order that we may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of our own, but that which comes through faith in Christ. Philippians 3:7-9 This is the name whereby we will call him, THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:6*

**Thanks:** We must stir up ourselves to praise God with the consideration both of the reason and of the encouragement we have to praise him.

*We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks to you, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. Psalm 75:1 Let our souls bless the LORD, and let all that is within us bless his holy name; yes, let our souls bless the LORD and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:1-2 We will praise the Lord, for it is good, it is pleasant, Psalm 92:1 and praise befits the upright; Psalm 33:1 yes, it is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2 We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever; Psalm 145:1-2 we will pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7 We will sing to the LORD a new song and his praise in the assembly of the godly. We will bless the LORD as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God while we have our being; Psalm 146:2*

**Intercession** For the conviction and conversion of atheists, deists, and infidels, and of all who are out of the way of truth, and of profane scoffers and those who disgrace Christianity by their vicious and immoral lives.

*O teach transgressors your ways, and let sinners return to you. Psalm 51:13 O give them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 2 Timothy 2:25 the truth as it is in Jesus, Ephesians 4:21 the truth which accords with godliness; Titus 1:1 that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil. 2 Timothy 2:26 Let those who are straying like sheep return to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. 1 Peter 2:25 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. Psalm 14:1 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. Isaiah 8:20 You have exalted above all things your name and your word; Psalm 138:2 magnify the law, magnify the gospel, and make both glorious. Isaiah 42:21 Let those who will not be won by the word, be won by the conduct of Christians, 1 Peter 3:1 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. 1 Corinthians 14:24-25*

**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:** *Psalm 103:8-12* The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**New Testament Reading: John 14:23–31**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

**Benediction:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.