

Hopewell Worship Guide for 6/28/20

Call to Worship Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven and return to the LORD” *Lamentations 3:40, 41*

Invocation: Praise to God, the Most High. The One who brings life from death, in whom no shadow of turning exists. You are Light, you are Life, You are Peace, You are Truth. To you, all creation looks for sustenance and guidance. God of the Heavens and the Earth, by your Spirit we live and breathe, without your Spirit we die. We come to you in the name of the Son – Jesus, who made the way of peace for us through his flesh. All praise to the Father, to the Son, and to the Spirit – One God, now and for all eternity. Amen

Old Testament Deuteronomy 32:3–12

³ For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! ⁴ “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. ⁵ They have dealt corruptly with him; they are no longer his children because they are blemished; they are a crooked and twisted generation. ⁶ Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you? ⁷ Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you. ⁸ When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. ⁹ But the Lord’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage. ¹⁰ “He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. ¹¹ Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, ¹² the Lord alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.

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: That his sovereignty is incontestable, and he is the owner and absolute Lord of all.

The heavens, even the heavens are yours, Psalm 115:16 and all their hosts. The earth is yours and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. Psalm 24:1 In your hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are yours also: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands formed the dry land. Psalm 95:4-5 Every beast of the forest is yours, and the cattle on a thousand hills. Psalm 50:10 You are therefore a great God,

and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:3 In your hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:10 Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, and your kingdom endures from generation to generation: You do according to your will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay your hand or say to you, “What have you done?” Daniel 4:34-35 or “Why have you done that?”

Confession: We must lament and confess our omissions of duty, our neglect of it and triflings in it; and that we have done so little since we came into the world of the great work we were sent into the world about, so very little to answer the end of our creation or of our redemption, of our birth and of our baptism; and that we have profited no more by the means of grace.

We have been as fig trees planted in the vineyard, and you have come many years seeking fruit from us but have found none; and therefore we might justly be cut down and thrown into the fire for using up the ground: Luke 13:6-7 You have come looking for grapes, but behold wild grapes; Isaiah 5:4 for we have been empty vines bringing forth fruit to ourselves. Hosea 10:1 We have known the right thing to do, but have failed to do it. James 4:17 We have hidden our Master’s money, Matthew 25:18 and therefore deserve the doom of the wicked and slothful servant. Matthew 25:26 We have been unfaithful stewards who have wasted our Lord’s possessions; Luke 16:1 for one sinner destroys much good. Ecclesiastes 9:18 Our youth and dawn of life were vanity, Ecclesiastes 11:10 and we have brought our years to an end like a sigh. Psalm 90:9 We are slow of heart to understand and believe; Luke 24:25 and though by this time we ought to be teachers of others, we are yet to learn the basic principles of the oracles of God: we have need of milk, and cannot bear solid food. Hebrews 5:12 We have done away with the fear of God and hindered meditation before God; Job 15:4 we have not called upon your name, nor roused ourselves to take hold of you. Isaiah 64:7 We have come to you as your people come, and have sat before you as your people sit, and have heard what you have said, when our hearts at the same time have been set after gain. Ezekiel 33:31 And thus have we brought the torn and the lame and the sick for sacrifice; have presented to our God that which we would not have presented to our governor; Malachi 1:8 and have vowed and sacrificed to the Lord what is blemished, when we had in our flock a male. Malachi 1:14

Petition: That we may be at peace with God and his anger may be turned away from us.

Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him let us have access into that grace in which believers stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 Be not a terror to us, for you are our refuge in the day of disaster. Jeremiah 17:17 In Christ Jesus let us, who once were far off, be

brought near by the blood of Christ; for he himself is our peace, who has broken down the dividing wall of hostility between us, that he might reconcile us to God through his cross, thereby killing the hostility, and so making peace. Through him, therefore, let us, who have made ourselves strangers and aliens, become fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:13-19

Heal us, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved, for you are our praise. Jeremiah 17:14 Do not be angry with us forever but revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:5-7

Thanks: Thank God for the Many Instances of His Goodness and Kind Providence

The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth you have given to the children of man; Psalm 115:16 and you have put all things under their feet, and given them dominion over the works of your hands; Psalm 8:6 so that the fear of man and the dread of man is upon every beast of the earth and upon the birds of the heavens, and into his hand they are delivered; Genesis 9:2 because you had a favor to him and delighted in the children of man. Proverbs 8:31 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that you may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen his heart. Psalm 104:14-15 You give to all life and breath and everything; Acts 17:25 and the earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love. Psalm 119:64 All the creatures look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. Psalm 104:27-28 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. This, your glory, shall endure forever, and you rejoice in these works. Psalm 104:30-31 It is through your goodness, O Lord, that as one generation of mankind goes, another generation comes; Ecclesiastes 1:4 and that you have not blotted out the name of that corrupt and guilty race from under heaven. Deuteronomy 29:20

Intercession For the relief of suffering churches and the support, comfort, and deliverance of all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

We desire in our prayers to remember those who are in prison for the testimony of Jesus, as in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since we also are in the body. Hebrews 13:3 O send from on high and rescue them from those who hate them, Psalm 18:16-17 and bring them out into a broad place. Psalm 18:19

O let not the scepter of wickedness rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous should stretch out their hands to do wrong. Psalm 125:3 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, as

in the generations of long ago, and make the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed of the Lord to pass over. Isaiah 51:9-10 Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, arise now, O LORD, and place them in the safety for which they long. Psalm 12:5 O strengthen the endurance and faith of your suffering saints, Revelation 13:10 that they may wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. Lamentations 3:26 O let the year of your redemption come, Isaiah 63:4 and the year of recompense for the cause of Zion. Isaiah 34:8 O that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion; and when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad. Psalm 14:7

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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* ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction: May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11 (ESV)