

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/2/20

Call to Worship *Psalm 84:1, 5, 7* ¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁷They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Invocation: Let us pray: Father, gracious Lord, righteous, merciful God, Father, full of care for all your children, hearing our voice and supplication, saving us in distress and anguish, by your will, alone, all things come to pass. Hear our prayer in the name of Christ, who in all things was obedient to your will, who took the bitter cup of suffering for us. Hear our prayer for the sake of his sacrifice. Father, to you be praise. Son to you be adoration. Holy Spirit, to you be glory. One God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 give glory to him as the Creator of the world and the great Protector, Benefactor, and Ruler of the whole creation.

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing and honor and glory and power, for you have created all things, and for your praise and by your will they existed and were created. Revelation 4:11

We worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water; Revelation 14:7 who spoke, and it came to be; who commanded, and it stood firm; Psalm 33:9 who said, "Let there be light," and there was light; Genesis 1:3 "Let there be an expanse," and he made the expanse; Genesis 1:6-7 and he made it all very good; Genesis 1:31 and they continue this day by his appointment, for all things are his servants. Psalm 119:91

Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the

boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. Psalm 74:16-17

You uphold the universe by the word of your power, Hebrews 1:3 and in you all things hold together. Colossians 1:17

Confession: Our uncharitableness towards our brethren, and unpeaceableness with our relations, neighbors, and friends, and perhaps injustice towards them.

We have been very guilty concerning our brother; Genesis 42:21 for we have not pursued what makes for peace or for mutual upbuilding. Romans 14:19

We have been ready to judge our brother and to despise him, forgetting that we must shortly stand before the judgment seat of God. Romans 14:10

Contrary to the royal law of love, we have boasted and been arrogant, have been rude and insisted on our own way; we have been irritable, have rejoiced at wrongdoing, 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 and been secretly glad at calamities. Proverbs 17:5

We have been conceited, provoking one another, envying one another, Galatians 5:26 when we should have considered how to stir up one another to love and good works. Hebrews 10:24

Our hearts have been closed against those who are in need; 1 John 3:17 and we have hidden ourselves from our own flesh. Isaiah 58:7 Indeed, perhaps our eye has looked grudgingly on our poor brother, Deuteronomy 15:9 and we have dishonored the poor. James 2:6

And if in anything we have transgressed and wronged our brother, 1 Thessalonians 4:6 if we have walked with falsehood, and our foot has hastened to deceit, Job 31:5 and if any spot has stuck to our hands, Job 31:7 Lord, discover it to us, that if we have done iniquity, we may do it no more. Job 34:32.

Petition: And that the temptations of Satan may not overcome us.

We pray that we may not enter into temptation; Matthew 26:41 or, however, that no temptation may overtake us that is not common to man. And may the faithful God never let us be tempted beyond our ability, but with the temptation provide the way of escape for us. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Put upon us the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil; Ephesians 6:11 to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Fasten on us the belt of truth, put on us the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for our feet, put on us the readiness given by the gospel of peace. Give us the shield of faith, with which we may extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one, and the helmet of salvation;

and let the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, be always ready to us. Ephesians 6:13-17

Enable us to resist the devil, so that he may flee from us; James 4:7 to resist him firm in the faith. 1 Peter 5:9 And may you, the God of peace, tread Satan under our feet, and may you do it soon. Romans 16:20

Thanks: For success in our callings and affairs, comfort in relations, and comfortable places of abode.

It is God who equips us with strength and makes our way blameless, Psalm 18:32 who has blessed the work of our hands; Job 1:10 and it may be that though our beginning was small, yet our latter days will be very great. Job 8:7

Our houses have been safe from fear, and there has been no rod of God upon us; Job 21:9 so that glad songs of salvation have been in our tents from day to day. Psalm 118:15

With our staff it may be we have crossed this Jordan, and now we have become two camps; Genesis 32:10 and it is God who settles the solitary in homes. Psalm 68:6

If we have enjoyed life with our relations, Ecclesiastes 9:9 and they have been to us as a lovely deer, a graceful doe, Proverbs 5:19 we must give you thanks for it; for every creature is that to us, and no more, that you make it to be.

Intercession: For the continuance of the gospel among us and the means of grace, and a national profession of Christ's holy religion.

O let the throne of Christ endure forever among us, Psalm 45:6 even the place of your sanctuary, that glorious throne set on high from the beginning. Jeremiah 17:12

Let our lampstand never be removed from its place, though that is what we deserve, because we have abandoned the love we had at first. Revelation 2:4-5 Never do to us as you did to your place that was in Shiloh, where you made your name dwell at first. Jeremiah 7:12

Let us never know what a famine of the word means; nor ever be forced to wander from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth, to seek the word of God. Amos 8:11-12

O Lord, be the stability of our times, our abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; and let the fear of the LORD be our treasure: Isaiah 33:6 Let the righteous flourish among us, and let there be those who fear you in our land, while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations; that peace may abound, Psalm 72:5-7 and the children yet to be created may praise the LORD. Psalm 102:18

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Kevin & Jan Rutledge - Germany, Child Evangelism Fellowship,

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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: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 7:15–23

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Benediction: May goodness and loving kindness follow you all the days of your life, May His loving-kindness and truth continually preserve you, So that you can say, the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.