

Hopewell Worship Guide for 10/18/20

Call to Worship: *Psalm 138:1–2 (ESV)* I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Invocation: Let us pray: Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, to seek his face, and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Let us now with confidence enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. Amen

Old Testament *Isaiah 5:1–7*

5 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. **2** He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. **3** And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. **4** What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? **5** And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. **6** I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. **7** For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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 do not present our plea before you because of our righteousness, for we are before you in our guilt, and cannot stand before you because of it; but we make mention of Christ's righteousness, even of his only, who is the LORD our righteousness. We know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus, nor can we hope to receive anything but what we ask of you in his name; and therefore, bless us in the Beloved,*

that other angel who put much incense to the prayers of the saints and offers them up on the golden altar before the throne. We come in the name of the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, and is therefore able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Behold, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your Anointed, in whom you have by a voice from heaven declared yourself to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with us in him

Confession: *Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, to which you have exalted your Son, Christ Jesus, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. We have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now our eyes see you; therefore we despise ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes; therefore will we be like doves of the valleys, each one moaning over his iniquities. O that our heads were waters, and our eyes fountains of tears, that we might weep day and night for our transgressions, and might in such a manner sow in those tears as that at last we may reap in shouts of joy; may now go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, and may in due time come home with shouts of joy, bringing in our sheaves with us. Our iniquities have gone over our heads; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us; but weary and heavy laden under this burden, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. O knowing the affliction of our own hearts, may we look on him whom we have pierced, and may we mourn and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. That we may grieve after a godly sort, with that grief which produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret; and that we may remember and be confounded, and never open our mouths again because of our shame, when you have atoned for us for all that we have done. And, O that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance! and may never again turn back to folly; for what have we to do anymore with idols? For sin will have no dominion over us, since we are not under law but under grace. We have gone astray like lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments.*

Petition: *Lord, you have told us that godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come; and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, other things will be added to us; and therefore, we cast all our anxieties about these things on you, who cares for us; for our heavenly Father knows that we need them all. You, Lord, are our refuge and our fortress, and under your wings will we find refuge; your faithfulness is a shield and buckler; let us therefore not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Having made the Lord our refuge and the Most High our dwelling place, let no evil befall us nor any plague come near our tent. Let the LORD be our keeper, even he who keeps Israel and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord*

be our shade on our right hand, that the sun may not strike us by day, nor the moon by night. Let the Lord keep us from all evil; the Lord keep our life; the Lord keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Lord, put a hedge around us and our houses and all that we have on every side; and take sickness away from us

Thanks: *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. You have brought us to your holy mountain, and made us joyful in your house of prayer; and we have found for us it is good to be near God. 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! 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*

Intercession: *Lord, keep those who are rich in this present age from being haughty and setting their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, and give them to trust in God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy: That they may do good and be rich in good works, generous and ready to share; that they may store up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future. Though it is hard for those who are rich to enter into the kingdom of heaven, yet with you this is possible. Lord, make those who are poor in the world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, and give to them to receive the gospel. O that the poor of the flock may wait upon you and may know the word of the LORD. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; good Lord, deliver them out of them all. And though for the moment all affliction seems painful rather than pleasant; nevertheless, later let it yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Lord, give us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who spitefully use us and persecute us. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; and do not hold their malice against them; and work in us a disposition to bear with others and forgive in love, as you require we should whenever we pray. And grant that our ways may so please the LORD, that even our enemies may be at peace with us. Let the wolf dwell with the lamb, and let there be none to hurt or destroy in all your holy mountain; let Ephraim not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah harass Ephraim. And we wish for all those whom we love in truth, that all may go well with them and that they may be in good health; we especially pray that it may go well with their souls. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with their spirits.*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Word of Grace Church, 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: *1 Timothy 1:16*

“But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.”

New Testament Reading: *Philippians 3:12–21*

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Benediction: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. *Hebrews 13:20-21(ESV)*