

Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/15/20

Call to Worship: *Psalm 32:11, 52:9*

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.”

Invocation: Let us pray: O Eternal and Everlasting Father, God most glorious, God most exalted, whom we have come to know in Jesus of Nazareth, the rock of our salvation, the cornerstone, chosen and precious in your sight. Bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual Temple, that found on him we be built together as living stones; that in him we offer to you the spiritual service of praise and thanksgiving, of proclaiming your work, and of sharing your gifts. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament *Isaiah 52:1-6*

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. ² Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. ³ For thus says the Lord: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” ⁴ For thus says the Lord God: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. ⁵ Now therefore what have I here,” declares the Lord, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the Lord, “and continually all the day my name is despised. ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”

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: *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. Your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, so that they are fools without excuse who say, “There is no God.” For surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth, and in heaven too. We therefore draw near to you believing that you exist and that you powerfully and bountifully reward those who*

Confession: *By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us, due to the hardness of our hearts. The things of the Spirit of God are folly to the natural*

person; neither can we understand them, in and of ourselves, because they are spiritually discerned. We are ‘wise’ – in doing evil! But how to do good we know not. We have neither knowledge nor understanding, we walk about in darkness. God speaks in one way, and in two, though we do not perceive it; we indeed hear but never understand; and we see men, but they look like trees, walking.

Petition: *For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great; for evils have encompassed us beyond number; our iniquities have overtaken us, and we cannot see. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver us! O LORD, make haste to help us! O do not remember against us our former iniquities, let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name’s sake! Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

Thanks: *It was owing to your good providence that we did not die at birth, and did not come out from the womb and expire; that the knees received us, and the breasts, that we should nurse. Though before birth we were called rebels, yet by your power we have been borne by you from before our birth and carried from the womb; and you keep our souls among the living and have not let our foot slip. All our bones shall say, “O LORD, who is like you!” For you keep the bones, and not one of them is broken. We lay down and sleep, for you, LORD, make us to dwell in safety. You have commanded your angels concerning us, to guard us in all our ways; to bear us up in their hands, lest we strike our foot against a stone. And they are all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the good of those who are to inherit salvation.*

Intercession: *Let the branches which are broken off not continue in their unbelief, but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though a partial hardening has come upon Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved. Let them be made to look on him whom they have pierced; and, that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which lies over their hearts be removed. Let the churches of Asia, that were golden lampstands, which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk among, be made so again. Restore to them their liberties as at the first, and their privileges as at the beginning; smelt away their dross, and remove all their alloy, and restore their fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Be the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; and let them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph and upon the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, even to the bounties of the everlasting hills. Create peace to the far, as well as to the near. And let those that draw from the*

abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer right sacrifices.

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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: *Proverbs 28:13*

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

New Testament Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Benediction: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 15:5–6 (ESV)*