

Hopewell Worship Guide for 3/14/21

Call to Worship

“Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”
Psalm 124:6-8

Invocation: Let us pray: *Most Gracious Father, who from all eternity have searched us out that we might know you, Receive us in the name of Christ, that we might be his disciples and hear his Word, that we might celebrate his might acts of redemption. To you, O Gracious Father, enthroned above, and to the Son, incarnate in this world below, and to the Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, Be all glory now, and again and ever again. Amen.*

Old Testament Numbers 21:1–9

1 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. **2** And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord and said, “If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction.” **3** And the Lord heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah. **4** From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. **5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” **6** Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. **7** And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. **8** And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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: Psalm 145:1–3 **1** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. **2** Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. **3** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:8–12 (ESV) — **8** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **9** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. **10** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! **11** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, **12** to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Confession: *You have reared and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against you. We have ill repaid you, O LORD, as foolish and senseless people: You are our Father who created us, who made us and established us, yet our mark has not been the mark of your children. We have not made return according to the benefit done to us. We have been often reprov'd, and yet have stiffen'd our neck, and have gone on backsliding in the way of our own heart. You have sent to us, saying, “Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!” But we have not listened or inclined our ear. The word of God has been to us precept upon precept and line upon line; and though we have looked intently at our natural faces in a mirror, yet we have gone away and at once forgotten what we were like.*

Petition: *Lord, enable us in a day of prosperity to be joyful, and in a day of adversity to consider, because God has made the one as well as the other; to add to our knowledge self-control, and to self-control steadfastness. Give us grace to remain with you in whatever condition we have been called,) and in all our ways to acknowledge you; and be pleased to establish our steps. Let those who have been called, being slaves, be freedmen of the Lord; and those who have been called, being free, be slaves of Christ. Let all in every relation dwell in unity, that it may be like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. O that we may dwell together as joint heirs of the grace of life, that our prayers may not be hindered. Give us grace to honor everyone, to love the brotherhood, to fear God, and to be subject to the governing authorities, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience..*

Thanks: *We bless you that though the enemies of Israel have afflicted them from their youth up, have greatly afflicted them, yet they have not prevailed against them; though the plowers have plowed on their back, yet the LORD is righteous, he has cut the cords of the wicked That Jesus Christ has built his church upon a rock, which the gates of hell cannot prevail against; but his offspring will be established forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.*

Intercession: *For effective gospel outreach in the area, for Christians to be faithful to Scripture and fervent in prayer and service.*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Palmetto Women’s Center, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach

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: *Acts 2:38-39*

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

New Testament Reading: *John 3:14–21*

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.⁸

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world,⁹ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Benediction: May the Lord show kindness to you; May the Lord grant each of you rest; May those who dwell in your house be blessed; May they ever be praising the Lord. Ruth 1:8.9; Psalm 84:4