

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/9/21

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:5, 1,2 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Invocation: Father, Lord of Heaven, who sent forth your Spirit to brood on the face of the waters, who poured out your Spirit upon the Apostles in the Upper Room flashing forth in flames of fire that the Church might come alive in spirit and truth. Pour out upon this congregation, gathered in the of Christ, that same Spirit, that we might come alive in holiness, that we might become brilliant in purity, that we might catch the fire of righteousness. To you be all glory, Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God from the very beginning, even now, and as long as time shall last. Amen

Old Testament 98 A Psalm.

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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: *O LORD our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, you cover yourself with light as with a garment; Psalm 104:1-2 and yet to us you make darkness your canopy, Psalm 18:11 for we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Job 37:19*

This is the message which we have heard of you, and we set our seal to it that it is true: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; 1 John 1:5 God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16 You are the Father of lights, with whom there is

no variation or shadow due to change, and from whom proceeds every good and perfect gift. James 1:17

You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Confession: *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared; Psalm 130:3-4 with you there is steadfast love; yes, with our God there is plentiful redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Psalm 130:7-8 Your sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise; Psalm 51:17 indeed, though you are the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; Isaiah 57:15 though heaven is your throne and the earth your footstool, yet this is the one to whom you will look: he who is poor and humble, broken and contrite in spirit, and trembles at your word; Isaiah 66:1-2 to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15 You have graciously assured us that those who conceal their transgressions will not prosper, yet those who confess and forsake them will obtain mercy. Proverbs 28:13 And when a poor penitent said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," you forgave the iniquity of his sin; therefore, let everyone who is godly, in like manner, offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. Psalm 32:5-6 We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but you have said that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9(ESV*

Petition: *And now, O Lord, for what do we wait? Truly our hope is in you. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Do not make us the scorn of the fool. Psalm 39:7-8*

Lord, all our longing is before you, and our sighing is not hidden from you, Psalm 38:9 even the sighs and groanings too deep for words; for, he who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit. Romans 8:26-27

We do not think that we will be heard for our many words, for our Father knows what we need before we ask him; Matthew 6:7-8 but our Master has told us that whatever we ask of the Father in his name, he will give it to us. And he has said, "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Thanks: *We have reason to love you, O LORD, because you have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy, Psalm 130:2 and because you have inclined your ear to us; we will therefore call upon you as long as we live. Psalm 116:1-2 Out of the depths we have called to you, O LORD, Psalm 130:1 and you have heard our vows and given us the heritage of those who fear your name. Psalm 61:5 Indeed, before we have called, you have answered; and while we have been yet speaking, you have heard, Isaiah 65:24 and have said, "Here I am," Isaiah 58:9 and have been near to us whenever we call upon you. Deuteronomy 4:7 Lord, you have heard the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart, and incline your ear to hear. Psalm 10:17 Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us; Psalm 66:20 for we have prayed and gone away, and our faces have been no longer sad. 1 Samuel 1:18*

Intercession: *O let the gospel be proclaimed to the whole creation; Mark 16:15 for how are men to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:14-15 And who shall send out laborers but the Lord of the harvest? Matthew 9:38*

Let the people dwelling in darkness see a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them let a light dawn. Matthew 4:16

Add to your church day by day those who are being saved; Acts 2:47 enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Isaiah 54:2

Bring your offspring from the east and gather them from the west; say to the north, "Give up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring your sons from afar and your daughters from the end of the earth." Isaiah 43:5-6 Let them come with acceptance to your altar, and beautify your beautiful house; let them fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows. Isaiah 60:7-8 In every place let incense be offered to your name, and pure offerings; and from the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be great among the nations, Malachi 1:11 and let the offering of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:16 O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

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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: *Isaiah 43:25* I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

New Testament Reading: *1 John 4:1-11*

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Benediction: May the God Who changes not, Who has no shadow of turning, and Whose compassions fail not, Preserve you by His loving kindness, so that you might know, Great are His faithful acts, they are new every morning. *Lam. 3:22, 23 & Great is Thy Faithfulness*