

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 7/11/21

### **Call to Worship** *1 Peter 1:3-4*

Come, Let us Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Who, According to his great mercy, has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us,

**Invocation:** Father, Lord of heaven, dwelling beyond all place and time, Eternal and Infinite are you, beyond our grasp and control. Blessed is your name, O Father, our Father! Pour out on us your Holy Spirit, that we might worship you in spirit and truth. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, that though we cannot see you, we might know you in our hearts. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit that your truth may be indwelling, a fountain of living water welling up to eternal life. To you Be all praise, Father, Son, Holy Spirit – Eternally One God. Amen

### **Old Testament** *Psalm 143 (ESV) A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! <sup>2</sup> Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. <sup>3</sup> For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. <sup>4</sup> Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. <sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. <sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah <sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. <sup>9</sup> Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. <sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! <sup>12</sup> And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

*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:** *You are holy, O you who are enthroned on the praises of Israel: Psalm 22:3 Holy and awesome is your name, Psalm 111:9 and we give thanks to your holy name. Psalm 30:4 You are of purer eyes than to see evil; Habakkuk 1:13 neither may evil dwell with you. Psalm 5:4 You are the Rock, your work is perfect, all your ways are truth and justice; a God of faithfulness and without*

*iniquity. Deuteronomy 32:4 You are our Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in you. Psalm 92:15 You are kind in all your works, Psalm 145:17 and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore. Psalm 93:5*

*Righteous are you, O God, when we complain to you, Jeremiah 12:1 and you will be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Psalm 51:4 Far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that he should do wrong; for according to the work of a man he will repay him. Job 34:10-11 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God, even when your judgments are like the great deep! Psalm 36:6 And though clouds and thick darkness are all around you, yet righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Psalm 97:2*

**Confession:** *We have every reason to be humbled for the pride of our hearts; 2 Chronicles 32:26 for we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to think and have not thought with sober judgment, Romans 12:3 nor have we walked humbly with our God. Micah 6:8 We have leaned on our own understanding, Proverbs 3:5 and trusted in our own minds, Proverbs 28:26 and have sacrificed to our own net. Habakkuk 1:16 We have sought our own glory more than the glory of him who sent us, John 7:18 and have been arrogant concerning that for which we should have mourned. 1 Corinthians 5:2*

**Petition:** *O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us; Psalm 67:1 yes, let God, our God, give us his blessing. Psalm 67:6 May the LORD, he who made heaven and earth, bless us from Zion; Psalm 134:3 bless us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 1:3 O that you would bless us indeed! 1 Chronicles 4:10(KJV) Command the blessing upon us, even life forevermore; Psalm 133:3 for you bless, O LORD, and it shall be blessed. 1 Chronicles 17:27 Let us receive blessing from the LORD, even righteousness from the God of our salvation. Psalm 24:5 Have you but one blessing? Indeed, you have many blessings! Bless us, even us also, O our Father; Genesis 27:38 yes, let the blessing of Abraham come to us, which comes to the Gentiles through faith; Galatians 3:14 and the blessing of Jacob, for we will not let you go unless you bless us. Genesis 32:26*

**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; Job 3:11-12 Though before birth we were called rebels, Isaiah 48:8 yet by your power we have been borne by you from before our birth and carried from the womb; Isaiah 46:3 and you keep our souls among the living and have not let our foot slip. Psalm 66:9 All our bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you!" Psalm 35:10 For you keep the bones, and not one of them is broken. Psalm 34:20 We lay down and sleep, for you, LORD, make us to dwell in safety. Psalm 3:5 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. Psalm 91:11-12 And they are all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the good of those who are to inherit salvation. Hebrews 1:14*

**Intercession:** *We bless you that you have planted us on a very fertile hill, Isaiah 5:1 and have not given the arid plain for our home or the salt land for our dwelling place, Job 39:6 but the land we inhabit yields her increase. Psalm 85:12 Lord, you have been favorable to our land. Psalm 85:1 We have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed for us in their days, and in the times of old; Psalm 44:1 and as we have heard, so have we seen, for we have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Psalm 48:8-9 You have given us a pleasant land, Jeremiah 3:19 it is Immanuel's land, Isaiah 8:8 it is a valley of vision; Isaiah 22:1 you have set up your tabernacle among us, and your sanctuary is in the midst of us. Ezekiel 37:26-27 We live safely under our own vine and fig tree, 1 Kings 4:25 and there is peace to him who goes out and to him who comes in. 2 Chronicles 15:5 And because the Lord loved our people, therefore he has set a good government over us, to execute justice and righteousness; 1 Kings 10:9 to be a terror to bad conduct, and a protection and praise to those who do what is good. Romans 13:3*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach, 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 John 2:1-2* My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (ESV)<sup>1</sup>**  
I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— <sup>6</sup> though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Benediction:** May He who is risen with healing in His wings, Who brings light and life to all, Who was born that man no more die, Restore to you the joy of your salvation and sustain you with a willing spirit. Amen.