

Hopewell Worship Guide for 7/18/21

Call to Worship *Luke 1:68, Isaiah 48:20*

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed his people. Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say “The LORD has redeemed his servants.”

Invocation: Father, all glorious in every age, in eternity, glorious in our time, It is in your Son that we behold your glory in his crucifixion suffering for us in his resurrection victorious and alive for us. Holy Father, keep us in your name, that we may be one as you are one with the Son and the Son is one with you. Keep us in that name into which we have been baptized. Keep us in the sacred bond of the covenant, that in the name of your Son we might enter into your eternal glory. For all glory, all grace and truth are to your! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three persons, one God, all glorious, forever. Amen

Old Testament *Amos 7:1–9 (ESV)*¹ This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, he was forming locusts when the latter growth was just beginning to sprout, and behold, it was the latter growth after the king’s mowings.² When they had finished eating the grass of the land, I said, “O Lord God, please forgive! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!”³ The Lord relented concerning this: “It shall not be,” said the Lord.⁴ This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, the Lord God was calling for a judgment by fire, and it devoured the great deep and was eating up the land.⁵ Then I said, “O Lord God, please cease! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!”⁶ The Lord relented concerning this: “This also shall not be,” said the Lord God.⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.⁸ And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

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 good, and your steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 Your steadfast love is great toward us, Psalm 117:2 and your faithfulness endures to all generations. Psalm 100:5 You have proclaimed your name: The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Exodus 34:6-7 And this, your name, is our strong tower. Proverbs 18:10 You are good and do good, Psalm 119:68 good to all; and your mercy is over all that you have made. Psalm 145:9 But truly God is in a special manner good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. Psalm 73:1 O that you would make all your goodness pass before us, Exodus 33:19 that we may taste and see that the Lord is good, Psalm 34:8 and your steadfast love may be always before our eyes. Psalm 26:3*

Confession: *We have not had the rule which we ought to have had over our own spirits, which have therefore been like a city broken into and left without walls. Proverbs 25:28 We have been quick in our spirits to become angry, and anger has lodged in our bosoms. Ecclesiastes 7:9 And when our spirits have been made bitter, we have spoken rashly with our lips, Psalm 106:33 and have been guilty of that clamor and bitterness which should have been put far from us. Ephesians 4:31 Our life has not been free from love of money, Hebrews 13:5 nor have we learned in whatever situation we are to be content. Philippians 4:11 Who can say that he is clean from that love of money which is the root of all kinds of evil, 1 Timothy 6:10 that covetousness which is idolatry? Colossians 3:5 We have sought great things for ourselves when you have said, “Seek them not.” Jeremiah 45:5 We have set our minds on the things of the flesh more than the things of the Spirit, Romans 8:5 and have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence, and have fattened our hearts in a day of slaughter. James 5:5 We have made provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires, Romans 13:14 even those passions which wage war against our souls; 1 Peter 2:11 and in many instances, we have acted as if we had been lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. 2 Timothy 3:4 When we eat and when we drink, do we not eat for ourselves and drink for ourselves? Zechariah 7:6*

Petition: *The Lord of peace himself give us peace, all peace, at all times in every way: 2 Thessalonians 3:16 That peace which Jesus Christ has left with us, which he gives to us; such a peace as the world can neither give nor take away; such a peace as that our hearts may not be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 Let the effect of righteousness in our souls be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. Isaiah 32:17 Speak peace to your people, to your saints, and let them not turn back to folly. Psalm 85:8 O create the fruit of the lips, Peace, peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; and restore comfort to your mourners. Isaiah 57:18-19 Where the sons of peace are, let your peace find them out and rest upon them. Luke 10:6 Let us hear of your steadfast love and taste that you are good, 1 Peter 2:3 for in you do we trust. Psalm 143:8 Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus; Philippians 4:7 and let that peace rule in our hearts, to which we have been called. Colossians 3:15 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Thanks: *When perhaps there has been but a step between us and death, 1 Samuel 20:3 and when we have felt that we have received the sentence of death, 2 Corinthians 1:9 and have been ready to say, "In the middle of our days we must depart; we are consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of our years"; Isaiah 38:10 yet in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction and cast all our sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17 When the snares of death have encompassed us and the pangs of Sheol have laid hold on us, we have called on the name of the LORD and have found that gracious is the LORD, and righteous, yes, our God is merciful; we have been brought low, and he has saved us, Psalm 116:3-6 and has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. We will therefore walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 116:8-9*

Intercession: *But we are a sinful people, a people laden with iniquity, an offspring of evildoers; Isaiah 1:4 and we have a great deal of reason to sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed among us. Ezekiel 9:4 Iniquity abounds among us, and the love of many has grown cold. Matthew 24:12 We have not been forsaken nor forgotten by God, though our land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. Jeremiah 51:5*

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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: *Micah 7:19-20*

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

New Testament Reading: *1 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV)*¹ The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Benediction: Now in the name of the One who has made us debt free, and removed that hostility between God and His people, Having removed all our transgressions, May He be your confidence and deliver your foot from every snare.