

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/15/21

Call to Worship *Isaiah 25:9*

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Invocation: Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, O God our Creator, hallowed is your name, blessed forever! Create in us your new creation. Stretch out your hand to heal, that signs and wonders be performed. Through the name of your holy servant, Jesus, to whom with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, be all praise and glory. Amen

Old Testament *1 Kings 19:1-8 (ESV)*

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Adoration: *Our souls have said to the LORD, "You are our Lord, we have no good apart from you; neither if we are righteous are you the better." You are our King, O God: Other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance. We declare today that the LORD is our God, and that we will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice and give ourselves to him, to be his people for a treasured possession, as he has promised, that we may be a holy people to the Lord our God; and might be to him for a name, a praise, and a glory. O Lord, truly we are your servants; we are your servants, born in your house, and you have loosed our bonds: We have been bought with a price, and therefore we are not our own; and so we yield ourselves to the Lord,*

and join ourselves to him in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten. We are yours, save us, for we seek your precepts; it is your own, Lord, that we give you, and that which comes from your hand

Confession: *We have sinned and perverted what was right, and it did not profit us. What fruit are we getting from the things of which we are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. And what are we profited if we should gain the whole world and forfeit our own souls? Sin has deceived us, and through the commandment killed us; for our hearts have been hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, and we have been lured and enticed by our own desires. It has promised us freedom, but has made us slaves of corruption; has promised us that we shall not surely die and that we shall be like God, but it has flattered us and spread a net for our feet. The pride of our heart, particularly, has deceived us.*

Petition: *Lord, enable us to guard our ways, that we may not sin with our tongue, and to guard our mouth, as if with a muzzle, that it may not be hasty to utter a word. Set a guard, O LORD, over our mouth; keep watch over the door of our lips, that we may not stumble in what we say. Let our speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, and enable us always, out of the good treasure of our heart, to bring forth good. Let our mouth utter wisdom, and our tongue speak justice; and let not your words depart out of our mouth, or out of the mouth of our offspring, or our children's offspring, from this time forth and forevermore. Enable us always to open our mouth with wisdom, and let the teaching of kindness be on our tongue. Give us to know what is acceptable, that our tongue may be as choice silver, and our lips may feed many.*

Thanks: *We thank you that because our Lord Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross, therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow and every tongue confess (as we do at this time) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. That all authority has been given to him both in heaven and on earth; that you have set him over the works of your hands and have put everything in subjection under his feet, and so have crowned him with glory and honor. That he is King of kings and Lord of lords; that the Ancient of days has given him dominion and glory and a kingdom, an everlasting dominion and a kingdom that shall not be destroyed. That the government is upon his shoulders, and that his name is called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace; and of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. That you have set him as a King upon Zion, your holy hill; and that he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, will reign until he has put down all opposing rule, principality, and power, until all his enemies are made a footstool for his feet; and then he will deliver the kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all.*

Intercession: *O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and establish the righteous – you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God. Spirit many to rise up for you against the wicked and to stand up for you against evildoers. Let the Deliverer come to Zion and banish ungodliness from Jacob; and let the filth of Jerusalem be cleansed from its midst by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning. Let all wickedness shut its mouth; and let the infection of that plague be stayed by intervening judgment. Let those who are struggling against sin never grow weary or fainthearted. Remove the spirit of uncleanness from the land, and change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that they may call upon the name of the LORD. Set us high above all nations in praise and in fame and in honor by making us a people holy to the LORD our God.*

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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: Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (ESV)

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Benediction: Psalm 115:12-13

Now may the LORD remember us and bless us; for He blesses all those who fear the Lord – both small and great alike.