

Hopewell Worship Guide for 9/19/21

Call to Worship *Psalms 132:7; Heb. 10:22*

Let us go to His dwelling place; Let us worship at His Footstool! Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Invocation: O Eternal and Everlasting Father, God most glorious, God most exalted, who we have come to know in Jesus of Nazareth, the rock of our salvation, the cornerstone, chosen and precious in your sight. Bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual Temple, that founded on him we be built together as living stones; that in him we offer to you the spiritual service of praise and thanksgiving, of proclaiming your work, and of sharing your gifts. All glory be to you O Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament *Isaiah 50:4-10*

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Adoration: *There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?" But this we say, "O LORD, lift up the light of your face upon us, and that shall put joy in our hearts, more than they have when their grain and wine abound We entreat your favor with all our heart, for in this we labor, that whether we are at home or away, we may please the Lord. Hear our prayer, O LORD, give ear to our pleas for mercy; in your faithfulness answer us, and be near to us whenever we call upon you; for you have never said to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in vain." You who hear the young ravens that cry, be not deaf to us, lest if you be silent to us, we become like those who go down to the pit. Let our prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up*

of our hands be acceptable in your sight as the evening sacrifice

Confession: *And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken your commandments? We have sinned; what have we done to you, you watcher of mankind? We know that the law curses everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law and do them; that the wages of every sin is death; and that for these things' sake the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. And we are accountable to God; the Scripture has imprisoned us under sin; and therefore you might justly be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape. If you should make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line, you might justly separate us to all evil, according to all the curses of the covenant, and blot out our names from under heaven. You might justly swear in your wrath that we should never enter your rest; might justly strip us naked and bare, and take back our grain in its time, and put into our hands the cup of staggering, and make us drink even to the dregs of that cup. You have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly. Indeed, our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserved. You therefore shall be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment; and we will accept of the punishment of our iniquity, and humble ourselves under your mighty hand, and say, "The LORD is righteous." Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? No, we will bear the indignation of the LORD, because we have sinned against him.*

Petition: *Lord, rescue us from every evil deed and bring us safely into your heavenly kingdom; being kept from stumbling, may we be presented blameless at the coming of your glory with great joy. Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that our hearts may be established blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. If Satan demands to have us that he may sift us like wheat, yet let Christ's intercession prevail for us that our faith may not fail Until we are taken out of the world, let us be kept from the evil one, and sanctified through your truth: your word is truth. Build us up, we pray, in our most holy faith, and keep us in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Grant that we may continue to call on you as long as we live, and until we die, may we never put away our integrity from us; let us hold fast our righteousness and never let it go, and may our hearts not reproach us for any of our days.*

Thanks: *We bless you for the redemption we have through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us. That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; and in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back. When you brought us into the wilderness, there you spoke tenderly to us, and gave us our vineyards from there, and made the Valley of Achor a door of hope.*

Intercession: *Let the schools of the prophets be replenished with every good gift and every perfect gift from above, from the Father of lights. Throw salt into these fountains and heal its waters, so that from them may issue streams that shall make glad the city of our God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Give grace to all the subjects of this land, that they may, under the government God has set over us, lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way, dwelling together in unity, that the Lord may command a blessing upon us, even life forevermore. Let everyone of every denomination who fears God and works righteousness, be acceptable to him; yes, let such as love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servants.*

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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: *Colossians 2:13–14* And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

New Testament Reading: *James 2:1–13 (ESV)*¹

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly,

and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Benediction: May the Lord establish you as a holy people to Himself, May He hover over you as an eagle over its young, Who spreads its wings and catches them and carries them on its pinions, to the end that you who have put your hope in Christ Jesus would be to the praise of His glory.

Deuteronomy 32:11; Ephesians 1:2