

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 10/31/21

### Call to Worship *Psalm 32:11, 52:9*

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.”

**Invocation:** Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, to seek his face, and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Let us now with confidence enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. Amen

### Old Testament *Jeremiah 18:1–11*

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Arise, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. <sup>9</sup> And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: ‘Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.’

**Adoration:** *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. Your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, so that they are fools without excuse who say, “There is no God.” For surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth, and in heaven too. We therefore draw near to you believing that you exist and that you powerfully and bountifully reward those who seek you.*

**Confession:** *By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us, due to the hardness of our hearts. The things of the Spirit of God are folly to the natural person; neither can we understand them, in and of ourselves, because they are spiritually discerned. We are ‘wise’ – in doing evil! But how to do good we know not. We have neither knowledge nor understanding, we walk about in darkness. God speaks in one way, and in two, though we do not perceive it; we indeed hear but never understand; and we see men, but they look like trees, walking.*

**Petition:** *For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great; for evils have encompassed us beyond number; our iniquities have overtaken us, and we cannot see. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver us! O LORD, make haste to help us! O do not remember against us our former iniquities, let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name’s sake! Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

**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; that the knees received us, and the breasts, that we should nurse. Though before birth we were called rebels, yet by your power we have been borne by you from before our birth and carried from the womb; and you keep our souls among the living and have not let our foot slip. All our bones shall say, “O LORD, who is like you!” For you keep the bones, and not one of them is broken. We lay down and sleep, for you, LORD, make us to dwell in safety. 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. And they are all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the good of those who are to inherit salvation.*

**Intercession:** *Let the branches which are broken off not continue in their unbelief, but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though a partial hardening has come upon Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved. Let them be made to look on him whom they have pierced; and, that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which lies over their hearts be removed. Let the churches of Asia, that were golden lampstands, which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk among, be made so again. Restore to them their liberties as at the first, and their privileges as at the beginning; smelt away their dross, and remove all their alloy, and restore their fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Be the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; and let*

*them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph and upon the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, even to the bounties of the everlasting hills. Create peace to the far, as well as to the near. And let those that draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer right sacrifices.*

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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:** *Proverbs 28:13*

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

**New Testament Reading:** *Mark 13:5–11*

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

**Benediction:** : May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 15:5–6 (ESV)*