

Hopewell Worship Guide for 1/23/22

Call to Worship *Psalm 106:1 Psalm 111:1*

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Invocation: *Psalm 5:8–12 (ESV)* 8 Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before us. 9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. 10 You will Make them bear their guilt, O God; You let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions, you will cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. 12 For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield. And we worship you God, - Father, Son, and Spirit, One God, Now and Forever. Amen (Psalm 5:8-12)

Old Testament *Isaiah 62:1–5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Adoration: *You are worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing and honor and glory and power, for you have created all things, and for your praise and by your will they existed and were created. We worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water; who spoke, and it came to be; who commanded, and it stood firm; who said, "Let there be light," and there was light; "Let there be an expanse," and he made the expanse; and he made it all*

very good; and they continue this day by his appointment, for all things are his servants. Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. You uphold the universe by the word of your power, and in you all things hold together. A sparrow will not fall to the ground apart from you. You made man at first of dust from the ground and breathed into him the breath of life, and so he became a living creature. And you have made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place. You are the Most High, who rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever you will; for it is from the LORD that a man gets justice. Hallelujah, the Lord God Almighty reigns, and works all things according to the counsel of his own will, to the praise of his own glory!

Confession: *We have been very guilty concerning our brother; for we have not pursued what makes for peace or for mutual upbuilding. We have been ready to judge our brother and to despise him, forgetting that we must shortly stand before the judgment seat of God. Contrary to the royal law of love, we have boasted and been arrogant, have been rude and insisted on our own way; we have been irritable, have rejoiced at wrongdoing, and been secretly glad at calamities. We have been conceited, provoking one another, envying one another, when we should have considered how to stir up one another to love and good works. Our hearts have been closed against those who are in need; and we have hidden ourselves from our own flesh. Indeed, perhaps our eye has looked grudgingly on our poor brother, and we have dishonored the poor. And if in anything we have transgressed and wronged our brother, if we have walked with falsehood, and our foot has hastened to deceit, and if any spot has stuck to our hands, Lord, discover it to us, that if we have done iniquity, we may do it no more*

Petition: *Lord, work in us that fear of you, which is the beginning of wisdom, which is instruction in wisdom, and which is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. Unite our hearts to fear your name, that we may keep your commandments, which is the whole duty of man. O put the fear of you in our hearts, that we may not turn from you. Let us be devoted to your fear; and let us continue in the fear of the LORD everyday and all the day. Give us grace, we beg you, to love you, the Lord our God, with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, which is the great and first commandment; to hold fast to you in love; and to delight ourselves always in you; and therein we shall have the desires of our hearts.. O that God's love may be poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. O that Jesus Christ may be very precious to us, as he is to all who believe; that he may be in our account distinguished among ten thousand, and altogether desirable; and that he*

may be our beloved and our friend: That though we have not seen him, yet we may love him; and though we do not now see him, yet we may believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. Let the love of Christ to us control us to live, not to ourselves, but to him who for our sake died and was raised. And, Lord, grant that we may not love the world or the things in the world, because if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him; that we may set our minds on things above, and not on things that are on earth.

Thanks: *That appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, Christ did through the eternal Spirit offer himself without blemish to God, and by his own blood entered once for all into the holy places, thus securing an eternal redemption. That he has disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in his cross, and has cancelled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. That he himself is our peace, who, having broken down the dividing wall of hostility between Jew and Gentile, has made in himself one new man in place of the two, has reconciled both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. That he has loved us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father. O the height and depth and length and breadth of that love of Christ that surpasses knowledge! O that great love with which he loved us! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing: for he was slain, and by his blood has ransomed us for God*

Intercession: *Let God himself be a wall of fire all around us and the glory in the midst of us; yes, let his gospel be our glory, and upon all that glory let there be a defense; and create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Peace be within our borders and security within our towers, Set up salvation for us as walls and bulwarks; and, to that end, let the gates be opened, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Make our overseers peace and our taskmasters righteousness; let violence never be heard in our gates, devastation or destruction in our borders, but let our walls be called Salvation and our gates Praise: Never let our land be termed Forsaken and Desolate, but let the Lord delight in us, and let our land be married to him. Let our peace be like a river and, to that end, our righteousness like the waves of the sea. Let that righteousness abound among us that exalts a nation, and deliver us from sin, which is a reproach to any people. Never make our heavens as bronze and our earth as iron, nor take back your grain in its time and your wine in its season; but give us rain moderately, the early and the latter rains in their seasons, and keep for us the weeks appointed for the harvest, giving us fair weather also in its*

season. Let our land yield its increase and the trees their fruit, that we may eat our bread to the full and dwell in our land securely. Abundantly bless our provisions and satisfy our poor with bread, that those who garner it may eat it and praise the LORD. Do not blow it away, for then when we look for much, it will come to little; but bless our blessings, that all nations may call us blessed and a land of delight.

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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: *Acts 2:38-39* And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

New Testament Reading John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Benediction:

May our Lord who has laid up for you a hope in heaven where moth and rust cannot destroy, Keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Col 1:5; Matt 6:19,20; 1 Cor 1:8