

Hopewell Worship Guide for 2/13/22

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:5; Isaiah 55:6

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Invocation: Let us pray: **Psalm 9:11–20 (ESV)**¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! ¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. ¹³ Be gracious to me, O Lord! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴ that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation. ¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. ¹⁶ The Lord has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah* ¹⁷ The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. ¹⁹ Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! ²⁰ Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men! *Selah*

It is to you O God Almighty, that all praise is due - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever more. Amen.

Old Testament Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵ Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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: *But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? That God whom heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain, with man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm? Who are we, O Lord GOD, and what is our father’s house that you have brought us thus far to present ourselves before the Lord? That we have through Christ an access in one Spirit to the Father? And yet, as if*

this had been a small thing in your sight, you have spoken concerning your servants for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him, and thus magnify him? Oh let not the Lord be angry, if we who are but dust and ashes undertake to speak to the Lord of glory. We are not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servants; nor is it right to take the children’s bread and throw it to such as we are; yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table; and you bestow your riches on all who call on you

Confession: *Thou art good beyond all thought, But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind; My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mould it. Unmask to me sin’s deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against thee; as a rebel I have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of thy kingdom. Give me grace to bewail my insensate folly, Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from thee is to lose all good. I have seen the purity and beauty of thy perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate and condemn its precepts. Thy loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke him to abandon me. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.*

Petition: *And as an evidence that your kingdom comes, and in order to the sanctifying of your name, Father in heaven, let your holy will be done. We know, O LORD, that whatever you please, that you do in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps; your counsel shall stand, and you will accomplish all your purpose: Even so let it be, Holy Father, not our will, but yours, be done. As you have planned, so let it be, and as you have purposed, so let it stand. Do all according to the counsel of your will. Make even those to serve your purposes who have not known you, and who do not so intend, nor do their hearts so think. Father, let your will be done concerning us and ours: Behold, here we are; it is the LORD, let him do to us what*

seems good to him; let the will of the Lord be done.) O give us to submit to your will in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus who said, "Not as I will, but as you will"; and to say, "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. Shall we receive good from the Lord, and shall we not receive evil also?" Father, let the Scriptures be fulfilled; the Scriptures of the prophets, which cannot be broken. Though heaven and earth pass away, let not an iota, not a dot, of your word pass away. Do what is written in the book of truth, and let it appear that forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

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: *For effective gospel outreach in the area, for Christians to be faithful to Scripture and fervent in prayer and service.*

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Clark & Grace Emerson at Western Michigan University, Palmetto Women's Center,

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: Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

New Testament Reading: Luke 6:17–26

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Benediction: To you whose life is hid in Christ on High, Who ever lives and pleads for you; May He keep you from stumbling, and make you to stand in the presence of His glory, Blameless and with great joy.
Jude 24