

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/03/22

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 45:6-7*

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;”

**Invocation:** Let us pray: **Psalm 24 (ESV)** A Psalm of David. <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! *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 Isaiah 43:16–24

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. <sup>22</sup> “Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! <sup>23</sup> You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. <sup>24</sup> You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

*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:** *We do not present our plea before you because of our righteousness, Daniel 9:18 for we are before you in our guilt, Ezra 9:15 and cannot stand before you because of it; Psalm 130:3 but we make mention of Christ’s righteousness, even of his only, who is the LORD our righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6 We know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus, 1 Peter 2:5 nor can we hope to receive anything but what we ask of you in his name; John 16:23 and therefore, bless us in the Beloved, Ephesians 1:6 that other angel who put much incense to the prayers of the saints and offers them up on the golden altar before the throne. Revelation 8:3*

*We come in the name of the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, Hebrews 4:14-15 and is therefore able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25 Behold, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your Anointed, Psalm 84:9 in whom you have by a voice from heaven declared yourself to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with us in him. Matthew 3:17*

**Confession:** *Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, Matthew 3:2 to which you have exalted your Son, Christ Jesus, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31 Our iniquities have gone over our heads; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us; Psalm 38:4 but weary and heavy laden under this burden, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. Matthew 11:28 O knowing the affliction of our own hearts, 1 Kings 8:38 may we look on him whom we have pierced, and may we mourn and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. Zechariah 12:10 That we may grieve after a godly sort, with that grief which produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret; 2 Corinthians 7:10 and that we may remember and be confounded, and never open our mouths again because of our shame, when you have atoned for us for all that we have done. Ezekiel 16:63 And, O that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance! Matthew 3:8 and may never again turn back to folly; Psalm 85:8 for what have we to do anymore with idols? Hosea 14:8 For sin will have no dominion over us, since we are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 We have gone astray like lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments. Psalm 119:176*

**Petition:** *Lord, you have told us that godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come; 1 Timothy 4:8 and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, other things will be added to us; Matthew 6:33 and therefore, we cast all our anxieties about these things on you, who cares for us; 1 Peter 5:7 for our heavenly Father knows that we need them all. Matthew 6:32 You, Lord, are our refuge*

and our fortress, Psalm 91:2 and under your wings will we find refuge; your faithfulness is a shield and buckler; let us therefore not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Psalm 91:4-5 Having made the Lord our refuge and the Most High our dwelling place, let no evil befall us nor any plague come near our tent. Psalm 91:9-10 Let the LORD be our keeper, even he who keeps Israel and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord be our shade on our right hand, that the sun may not strike us by day, nor the moon by night. Let the Lord keep us from all evil; the Lord keep our life; the Lord keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121:4-8 Lord, put a hedge around us and our houses and all that we have on every side; Job 1:10 and take sickness away from us. Exodus 23:25

**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. Ephesians 1:7-8 That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; Psalm 103:3 and in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17

**Intercession:** Lord, give to those who are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth; Ecclesiastes 12:1 that thereby they may be kept from the vanity which childhood and youth are subject to, and may be restrained from walking in the way of their heart and in the sight of their eyes, by considering that for all these things God will bring them into judgment. Ecclesiastes 11:9 Lord, make young people self-controlled; Titus 2:6 and let the word of God abide in them, that they may be strong and may overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14 Keep those who are setting out in the world from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire; 2 Peter 1:4 and give to those who have been well-educated, to hold fast the pattern of sound words, 2 Timothy 1:13 and to continue in what they have learned. 2 Timothy 3:14

There are some who are old disciples of Jesus Christ; Acts 21:16(KJV) Lord, give them still to bear fruit in old age, to declare that the LORD is upright, that he is their Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Psalm 92:14-15 You have said, "Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." You have made them, Lord; we beg you, bear, yes, do carry and save them. Isaiah 46:4 Those whom you have taught from their youth up and to whom you still proclaim your wondrous deeds, now, also, when they are old and gray headed, Psalm 71:17-18 forsake them not; cast them not off in the time of old age; forsake them not when their strength is spent. Psalm 71:9 Let every gray head be a crown of glory to those who have it, being gained in a righteous life, Proverbs 16:31 and give them to know whom they have believed. 2 Timothy 1:12

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Clark & Grace Emerson – Campus Outreach, 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:** Psalm 116:1-2

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**New Testament Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Benediction:**

**Psalm 20:1-5 (ESV)**<sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah* <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!