

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/17/22

### Call to Worship

*Revelation 1:4–6*

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

**Invocation:** Let us pray: Father, Almighty and Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the person of your Son, our Savior and Lord. In the name of your Son we would worship and serve you this day. Claiming the sacrifice of your Son we would stand before you as redeemed people, justified and sanctified by faith in your Son. Rejoicing in the resurrection of your Son we would enter into a new and holy life, walking in the ways of your Son all our days, and delighting in the Day of his coming. 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 52:13–53:12* (ESV)<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—<sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for

his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*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:**

**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: Revelation 21:6-7**

“And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

**New Testament Reading: John 20:1–10 (ESV)**<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

**Benediction:**

May the God who wipes out your transgressions, for His sake, And will not remember your sins, Continually set you free from the burdens common to men, that you might praise His name. And that the righteous may gather around the Lord, Who has dealt bountifully with you.