

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/8/22

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:5, 1,2

“Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!”

Invocation: Father, all wise from everlasting. We bless you for your Word, the Word which was from the beginning, the Word which has always been with you, the Word which shares your divinity, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. Grant that we might behold him in your glory, that in the Word we might hear you, that in your Word we might speak to you, that in that Word we might meet you. To the name of Christ, your incarnate Word, be all glory, as to you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit be all praise. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament *Ezekiel 34:23–31 (ESV)*²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken. ²⁵ “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹ And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰ And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. ³¹ And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.”

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: *O LORD our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, you cover yourself with light as with a garment; Psalm 104:1-2 and yet to us you make darkness your canopy, Psalm 18:11 for we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Job 37:19*

This is the message which we have heard of you, and we set our seal to it that it is true: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; 1 John 1:5 God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16 You are the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, and from whom proceeds every good and perfect gift. James 1:17

You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Confession: *Daniel 9:4–19 (ESV)*⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. ⁸ To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

Petition: *And now, O Lord, for what do we wait? Truly our hope is in you. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Do not make us the scorn of the fool. Psalm 39:7-8*

Lord, all our longing is before you, and our sighing is not hidden from you, Psalm 38:9 even the sighs and groanings too deep for words; for, he who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit. Romans 8:26-27

We do not think that we will be heard for our many words, for our Father knows what we need before we ask him; Matthew 6:7-8 but our Master has told us that whatever we

ask of the Father in his name, he will give it to us. And he has said, "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Thanks: We have reason to love you, O LORD, because you have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy, Psalm 130:2 and because you have inclined your ear to us; we will therefore call upon you as long as we live. Psalm 116:1-2 Out of the depths we have called to you, O LORD, Psalm 130:1 and you have heard our vows and given us the heritage of those who fear your name. Psalm 61:5 Indeed, before we have called, you have answered; and while we have been yet speaking, you have heard, Isaiah 65:24 and have said, "Here I am," Isaiah 58:9 and have been near to us whenever we call upon you. Deuteronomy 4:7 Lord, you have heard the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart, and incline your ear to hear. Psalm 10:17 Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us; Psalm 66:20 for we have prayed and gone away, and our faces have been no longer sad. 1 Samuel 1:18

Intercession: O let the gospel be proclaimed to the whole creation; Mark 16:15 for how are men to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:14-15 And who shall send out laborers but the Lord of the harvest? Matthew 9:38

Let the people dwelling in darkness see a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them let a light dawn. Matthew 4:16

Add to your church day by day those who are being saved; Acts 2:47 enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Isaiah 54:2

Bring your offspring from the east and gather them from the west; say to the north, "Give up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring your sons from afar and your daughters from the end of the earth." Isaiah 43:5-6 Let them come with acceptance to your altar, and beautify your beautiful house; let them fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows. Isaiah 60:7-8 In every place let incense be offered to your name, and pure offerings; and from the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be great among the nations, Malachi 1:11 and let the offering of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:16 O let the earth be full of the knowledge of

the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

Ministries Hopewell Supports: Roddey & Becky Coughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, 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: *Revelation 7:9-17*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Benediction: May the God Who changes not, Who has no shadow of turning, and Whose compassions fail not, Preserve you by His loving kindness, so that you might know, Great are His faithful acts, they are new every morning. Lam. 3:22, 23 & Great is Thy Faithfulness