

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/15/22

Call to Worship

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)⁷ The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Psalms 100:3–4 (ESV)³ Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Invocation: O Lord, you have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. Lead them today to your presence that they may worship your holiness. And we do worship you today – Eternal Father, Eternal Son, and Eternal Spirit, One God Now and Forever. Amen

Old Testament *1 Samuel 20:12–17*

¹² And Jonathan said to David, “The Lord, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? ¹³ But should it please my father to do you harm, the Lord do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the Lord be with you, as he has been with my father. ¹⁴ If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the Lord, that I may not die; ¹⁵ and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” ¹⁶ And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord take vengeance on David’s enemies.” ¹⁷ And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

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: *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. Psalm 19:1 Your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, Romans 1:19-20 so that they are fools without excuse who say, “There is no God.” Psalm 14:1 For surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth, Psalm 58:11 and in heaven too.*

We therefore draw near to you believing that you exist and that you powerfully and bountifully reward those who diligently seek you. Hebrews 11:6 We cannot find out the deep things of God; we cannot find out the limit of the Almighty. Job 11:7 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be

praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:3 Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Psalm 106:2

Confession: *By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in us, due to the hardness of our hearts. Ephesians 4:18 The things of the Spirit of God are folly to the natural person; neither can we understand them, in and of ourselves, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14 We are ‘wise’ – in doing evil! But how to do good we know not. Jeremiah 4:22 We have neither knowledge nor understanding, we walk about in darkness. Psalm 82:5 God speaks in one way, and in two, though we do not perceive it; Job 33:14 we indeed hear but never understand; Matthew 13:14 and we see men, but they look like trees, walking. Mark 8:24*

Petition: *Lord, we come to you, as the poor tax collector that stood far off and would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast; and we pray his prayer, “God, be merciful to us sinners.” Luke 18:13 The God of infinite mercy be merciful to us! O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin; for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Psalm 51:2-3 O purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; Psalm 51:7 hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Psalm 51:9 Be merciful toward our iniquities, and remember our sins no more. Hebrews 8:12 O forgive us that great debt. Matthew 18:32 Let us be justified by your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus, Romans 3:24 from everything from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:39 O let not our iniquity be our ruin; Ezekiel 18:30 but let the Lord take away our sin, that we may not die, 2 Samuel 12:13 not die eternally; that we may not be hurt by the second death. Revelation 2:11*

Blot out our transgressions like a cloud and our sins like mist; for we return to you, because you have redeemed us. Isaiah 44:22 Enter not into judgment with your servants, O Lord, for no one living is righteous before you. Psalm 143:2 Take away all iniquity, accept what is good, heal our apostasy, and love us freely; let your anger be turned away from us, for in you the orphan finds mercy. Hosea 14:2-4 Though our sins have been like scarlet, let them be as white as snow; and though they have been red like crimson, let them be like wool; that being willing and obedient, we may eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1:18-19

Thanks: *You have comforted us in all our affliction, 2 Corinthians 1:4 have seen our affliction and known the distress of our souls; Psalm 31:7 you have wondrously shown your steadfast love to us when we were in a besieged city. Psalm 31:21 When afflictions have abounded, comforts have much more abounded. 2 Corinthians 1:5 Though for the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, yet later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness and proves to be for our good, that we might share your holiness. Hebrews 12:10-11 We have had reason to say that it was good for us that we were afflicted, that we might learn your statutes; Psalm 119:71 for before we were afflicted we went astray, but now we keep your word. Psalm 119:67 It has been but for a little while, and when it was necessary, that we were grieved by various trials; and we beg that all the trials of our faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom, though we have not seen, we love; though we do not now see him, yet we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, and are longing to receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. 1 Peter 1:6-9*

Intercession: *Let the branches which are broken off not continue in their unbelief, Romans 11:17 but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though a partial hardening has come upon Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved. Romans 11:23-26 Let them be made to look on him whom they have pierced; Zechariah 12:10 and, that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which lies over their hearts be removed. 2 Corinthians 3:15-16*

Let the churches of Asia, that were golden lampstands, Revelation 1:11-12 which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk among, be made so again. Revelation 2:1 Restore to them their liberties as at the first, and their privileges as at the beginning; smelt away their dross, and remove all their alloy, Isaiah 1:25-26 and restore their fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Psalm 126:4

Be the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; Psalm 65:5 and let them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph and upon the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, even to the bounties of the everlasting hills. Genesis 49:26 Create peace to the far, as well as to the near. Isaiah 57:19 And let those that draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer right sacrifices. Deuteronomy 33:19

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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: *Romans 6:6-7*

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.”

New Testament Reading: *Revelation 21:1-6*

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ 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.

Benediction: The Lord said to Abraham, “I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” You who are children of Abraham, hear God’s benediction: you are blessed beyond measure by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – the one who is, and was, and ever shall be. Go in peace.