**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Gathering Song** – Prelude

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. – 2 Peter 1:2

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 15 (no NTH# on PP) – Stand Up and Bless the Lord (verses 1, 4, 5 – tune: NTH 353)

**Call to Worship** – Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 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. Ps. 100:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 347 – The Church’s One Foundation

**Reading of Law** – Ephesians 2:1-3

**Confession of Sin** – Almighty God, we confess we have broken your commandments. We have sinned by selfishness, worldliness, unbelief and pride. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not walked humbly with you. Forgive us and blot out our debts according to your tender mercies, according to your loving kindness. Cleanse us by the blood of Jesus your Son. Give us a humble and contrite heart that we might forgive others as you have forgiven us. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph. 2:8-9

**Confession of Faith** **(The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1)**

Leader: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Exhortation to Give** – So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 13 / NT: Revelation 6:9-17

Psalm 13 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, 4 lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. 5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Revelation 6:9-17 (ESV)

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. 12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

**Medley**

– Be Strong in the Lord

– You Are My All in All

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Psalm 13: “Christ’s Lament – and Ours”

Christ lamented over sin, suffering, and death – and was mocked by His enemies. In Christ and with Christ:

1. We lament over deliverance delayed. (Psalm 13:1-2)
2. We beseech our covenant God to deliver us from our enemies. (Psalm 13:3-4)
3. We trust in His covenant love and His sure salvation. (Psalm13:5-6)

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – Psalm 13 (from *Trinity Psalter*, see words below; tune: NTH 247 – 3 verses)

**Benediction** – The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Num. 6:24-26

**Psalm 13**

How long wilt Thou forget me?

Shall it forever be?

O LORD, how long neglect me,

And hide Thy face from me?

How long my soul take counsel,

Thus sad in heart each day?

How long shall foes, exulting,

Subject me to their sway?

O LORD, my God, consider,

And hear my earnest cries;

Lest I in death should slumber,

Enlighten Thou mine eyes:

Lest foes be heard exclaiming,

“Against him we prevailed”;

And they that vex my spirit

Rejoice when I have failed.

But on Thy tender mercy

I ever have relied;

With joy in Thy salvation

My heart shall still confide.

And I with voice of singing

Will praise the LORD alone,

Because to me His favor

He has so largely shown.

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 76.76.D

(new *Trinity Hymnal,* p. 247)

(“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”)

The *Book of Psalms*, 1871