**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

***with the ordination & installation of Dean R. Batten to the office of Ruling Elder***

**for Sunday, June 14th, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship Song** – Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Ps. 145:3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 92 – A Mighty Fortress

**Reading of God’s Law** – Romans 3:19-20

**Confession of Sin** – Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus’ sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. Romans 3:21-22a

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. 1 Chron. 16:29

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Ordination and Installation of Dean R. Batten to the Office of Ruling Elder**

*Warrant & Nature of the Office*

*Ordination Vows:*

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testa­ments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

(2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

(3) Do you approve of the government, discipline, and wor­ship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?

(4) Do you promise to seek the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church?

(5) Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this congregation and promise, in reliance on the grace of God, faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

*Congregational Vow:*

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and re­ceive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you prom­ise to yield him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord, to which his office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this Church, entitles him?

*Prayer of Ordination with Laying on of Hands*

*Declaration of Ordination:*

I now declare that Dean R. Batten has been regu­larly elected, ordained, and installed a ruling elder in this church, agreeably to the Word of God, and according to the constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and that he is entitled to all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which his office entitles him.

*Right Hand of Fellowship*

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Exodus 18:13-27 / NT: Titus 1:1-9

Exodus 18:13–27 (ESV)

13 The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. 14 When Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, “What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?” 15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God; 16 when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws.” 17 Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “What you are doing is not good. 18 You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. 19 Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, 20 and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. 21 Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. 23 If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.” 24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. 25 Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 26 And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. 27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

Titus 1:1–9 (ESV)

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; 4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. 5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

**Medley**

– NTH 353 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

– Let It Be Said of Us

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Titus 1:5-9: “Elders Hold Fast to the Gospel”

Christ calls and equips elders by His grace to oversee His flock. That grace is evident:

1. Relationally – in his family (Titus 1:5-6)
2. Negatively – in what he is not. (Titus 1:7)
3. Positively – in what he is. (Titus 1:8)
4. Doctrinally – in his devotion to the Gospel. (Titus 1:9)

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – NTH 345 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

**Benediction** – The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! Psalm 128:5