**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP (Communion Sunday)**

**for Sunday, July 5th, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Gathering Song** – Prelude

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 125 – Let All Things Now Living

**Call to Worship** – I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! – Psalm 34:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** **Medley**

– NTH 710 – God of Our Fathers

– NTH 711 – God the All-Terrible

**Reading of Law** – A Summary of the Ten Commandments & Great Commandment

**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 God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

**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** – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Prayer for Regular & Diaconal Collections with Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 1:26-31 / NT: Romans 8:28-30

Genesis 1:26–31 (ESV)

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Romans 8:28–30 (ESV)

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon**

Christ in the OT (Genesis 1:26-31 with Romans 8:28-30): “God’s Image Restored in Christ”

Jesus Christ, the God-man, is the perfect image of God and He restores us to God’s image:

1. What does the “image and likeness of God” mean? (Genesis 1:26-27)
2. What has sin done to God’s image and likeness? (Genesis 9:6; James 3:9; Ephesians 4:18-19)
3. How does Jesus restore us to the image of God? (Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 4:20-24; Colossians 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 170 – Fairest Lord Jesus

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

* Invitation & Warning
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Song** – NTH 122 – God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

**Benediction** – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14