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

**for Sunday, September 6th, 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** – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Call to Worship** – Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. - Ps. 95:6-7

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 100 – Holy, Holy, Holy

**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** – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Gal. 3:13-14

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Exhortation to Give** – Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 2:1-3 / NT: Matthew 11:25-30

Genesis 2:1–3 (ESV)

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Matthew 11:25–30 (ESV)

25 At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Medley**

– God of Grace and God of Glory

– NTH 465 Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon**

Christ in the OT (Genesis 2:1-3 with Matthew 11:25-30): “Christ Our Sabbath Rest”

God rests from His works and calls us to rest from ours – by faith in Christ.

1. God, Adam, and the eternal Sabbath. (Genesis 2:1-3; Hebrews 4:8-11)
2. Our sin and burdensome, unbelieving restlessness. (Hebrew 4:1-7; Matthew 11:28)
3. The Lord of the Sabbath and the rest He calls us to. (Matthew 11:25-30; Matthew 12:8)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

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

**Closing Song** – NTH 392 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

**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