**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, September 13th, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – For the Cause – Getty

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Gal. 1:3-5

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 1 – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**Call to Worship** – Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. Ps. 96:1-4a

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 342 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**Reading of Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

**Confession of Sin** – Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, and that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus 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 Apostles’ Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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 733

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Haggai 2:1-9 / NT: John 2:13-25

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 353 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 2:13-25: “Jesus Is the New and Greater Temple”

Jesus reveals His zeal for His Father’s house – and brings a new and more glorious temple.

1. Jesus cleanses worldliness from His Father’s house. (John 2:13-17)
2. Jesus brings a new temple – in His incarnate, crucified, and risen body. (John 2:18-22)
3. But Jesus does not entrust Himself to sinful men who claim to believe in Him. (John 2:23-25)

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – NTH 347 – The Church’s One Foundation

**Benediction** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Rom. 15:13