**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

***with Membership Vows of Sean & Lauren Fego***

***and Covenant Baptism of Madelynn C. Trotter***

**for Sunday, September 20th, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – Ye Must Be Born Again

**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** – Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Ps. 96:7-9

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 80 – Lord, with Glowing Heart

**Reading of Law** – Matthew 22:37-40

**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 our sins 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** – He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

**Exhortation to Give** – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:19-21

**Doxology** – NTH 731

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**Covenant Baptism of Madelynn C. Trotter**

*Words of Institution:* Matthew 28:18-20

*Meaning and Nature of the Sacrament / Ground of Baptizing Covenant Children*

*Covenant Vows of Parents*

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Ezekiel 36:22-32 / NT: John 3:1-8

**Medley**

– NTH 500 – Rock of Ages

– Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 3:1-8: “You Need to Be Born Again”

To see and enter the kingdom of God, you need to be born again:

1. Otherwise, you cannot understand who Jesus really is. (John 3:1-2)
2. That is, you must be regenerated – renewed and cleansed – by the Holy Spirit to enter God’s saving rule in Jesus. (John 3:3-5)
3. Because mortal sinners beget mortal sinners – but only the sovereign Spirit gives spiritual life. (John 3:6-8)

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – NTH 339 – For Your Gift of God the Spirit

**Benediction** – And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12-13