**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, September 27th, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – W&C 207 – God So Loved the World

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – Light of the World

**Call to Worship** – Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Ps. 98:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 55 – To God Be the Glory

**Reading of Law** – Romans 3:9-20

**Confession of Sin** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Tim. 1:15

**Confession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60)**

Leader: Christian, how are you righteous before God?

Congregation: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined to all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me – if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

**Exhortation to Give** – …Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Numbers 21:4-9 / NT: John 3:1-21

**Medley** – There Is a Redeemer

– How Deep the Father’s Love

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 3:9-21: “God’s Son-Giving Love”

Jesus has descended from heaven to reveal how God loved the world:

1. He is the Son of Man who descended to be lifted up. (John 3:9-15)
2. He is the Son of God given by His Father to save believing sinners. (John 3:16-18)
3. He is the One who brings saving light – but men love darkness instead. (John 3:19-21)

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – NTH 6 – O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (Psalm 103)

**Benediction** – The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26