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

**for Sunday, October 4th, 2020 at 8:30 AM**

**Prelude**

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

**Call to Worship** – Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:19-23

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**A Declaration of Praise** – Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! – Rev. 4:8

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

**Pastoral 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** – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in giving which is an act of grace also. 2 Cor. 8:7

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

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 2:4-17 / NT: Galatians 3:10-14

Genesis 2:4–17 (ESV)

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. 5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Galatians 3:10–14 (ESV)

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**A Declaration of Praise** – Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! – Rev. 5:11

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon**

Christ in the OT (Genesis 2:4-17 with Galatians 3:10-14): “A Tale of Three Trees”

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3. The tree of the cross – Christ takes our curse and gives us life. (Galatians 3:10-14)

**Prayer of Application**

**A Declaration of Praise** – Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you… What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. – Psalm 116:5-7, 12-13

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread – NTH 254 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? / Cup – NTH 261 – What Wondrous Love Is This?)

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

**A Declaration of Praise** – Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. – Rev. 19:6-7

**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

**Benediction Song** – NTH 251 – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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**Announcements**

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**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 246 – Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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**Opening Hymn** – NTH 524 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 252 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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**Closing Song** – NTH 257 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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