**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, November 22nd, 2020 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – NTH 640 – My Tribute

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in truth and love. – 2 John 3

**Call to Worship Song** – n/a

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Ps. 107:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 635 – How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

**Reading of Law** – Deuteronomy 5:1-21

**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 LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Ps. 103:8-12

**Confession of Faith (adapted from the Westminster Standards)**

I believe we are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit; I believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life, to escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin; I believe by his free grace we are effectually called, justified, adopted, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation; I believe that we are also given in this life benefits which accompany the Gospel, namely, assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end; and at death, we are made perfect in holiness and immediately pass into glory; and our bodies, being still united to Christ, rest in their graves, till the resurrection; and at the resurrection, we shall be raised up in glory, openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:17-20

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 2 / NT: Acts 4:23-31

**Medley** – My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

 – There Is a Redeemer

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Psalm 2:1-6: “God Laughs and Christ Reigns”

The LORD laughs and the Christ reigns, because:

1. The nations rage in futility (Psalm 2:1-3)
	1. The vain conspiracy – and victory – of the Cross.
2. The LORD has established Christ as King of kings. (Psalm 2:4-6)
	1. The exaltation and enthronement of Christ over all things – for the sake of His church.

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage (Psalm 2)

**Benediction** – The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! Psalm 128:5