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

**for Sunday, December 6th, 2020 at 8:30 AM**

**Prelude** – NTH 224 – Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

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

**Call to Worship** – Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**A Declaration of Praise** – Isaiah 12:1-2: You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

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

**Pastoral 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** – Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. 1 Chron. 16:29

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

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 2:18-25 / NT: Ephesians 5:22-33

Genesis 2:18–25 (ESV)

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Ephesians 5:22–33 (ESV)

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon**

Christ in the OT (Genesis 2:18-25 with Ephesians 5:22-33): “Two Adams and Two Brides”

God ordains marriage for the good of humanity – and to reveal a Gospel mystery.

1. Marriage is appointed for covenant companionship. (Gen. 2:18-22; Eph. 5:22-27).
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**Prayer of Application**

**A Declaration of Praise** – Isaiah 12:3-6: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 252 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / Cup: NTH 307 – Nothing But the Blood)

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

**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

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**Announcements**

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**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 194 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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**Opening Hymn** – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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**Medley**

– W&C 134 – Emmanuel

– W&C 82 – O Come, Let Us Adore Him

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**Closing Song** – NTH 169 – My Heart Does Overflow (Psalm 45)

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