**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, December 13th, 2020**

***Rev. Chris Byrd preaching***

**Prelude** – O Little Town of Bethlehem-NTH 201

**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** – I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! – Psalm 34:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – Joy to the World-NTH 195

**Reading of Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

**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

**Confession of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**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

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings**

OT: Isaiah 55:1-13, NT: 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3

**Medley** – Good Christian Men, Rejoice-NTH 207

 -Angels, We Have Heard on High-NTH 214

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** –  "Kingdom Seed" Mark 4:26-29

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing Song** – Almighty God, Your Word is Cast- (NTH 383) Tune 332

**Benediction** – May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 15:5-6