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

**for Sunday, February 7th, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – Living Hope

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 7 – From All that Dwells Below the Skies (based on Psalm 117)

**Call to Worship** – One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. - Psalm 27:4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 172 – Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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

*Let us silently confess our sins before the Lord… Let us unite our voices together in the confession of sin:*

**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** – Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. - Isaiah 53:4-6

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! - Psalm 96:8

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

**Song of Preparation** – My Heart Is Filled with Thanksgiving

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Deuteronomy 18:15-22 / NT: John 5:30-47

Deuteronomy 18:15–22 (ESV)

15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ 21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

John 5:30–47 (ESV)

30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon**

An Exposition of John 5:39-47: “God’s Word Witnesses to God’s Word Made Flesh”

All the Scriptures – and the Law of Moses – bear clear witness to Christ.

1. The Scriptural witness revisited: the whole Word of God bears witness to God the Word. (John 5:39-40)
2. The reason these witnesses are rejected: men glory in the flesh. (John 5:41-44)
3. The final witness: Moses bears sure witness to Jesus. (John 5:45-47)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Preparation Hymn** – Behold the Lamb

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / Cup: NTH 254 – There Is a Fountain)

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

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 141 – God in the Gospel of His Son

**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