**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, April 11th, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Living Hope

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – The Risen Lord

**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**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 286 – Worship Christ, the Risen King

**Reading of the Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your great mercy, You sent Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting righteousness. Grant us true repentance that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by faith in Your life-giving Gospel. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever thankful and live a faithful and godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Resurrection Hymn** – NTH 267 – The Day of Resurrection

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

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Leviticus 23:33-43 / NT: John 7:1-13

Leviticus 23:33–43 (ESV)

33 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 34 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the Lord. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. 36 For seven days you shall present food offerings to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the Lord. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work. 37 “These are the appointed feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the Lord food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, 38 besides the Lord’s Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the Lord. 39 “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the Lord seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. 40 And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. 41 You shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, 43 that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

John 7:1–13 (ESV)

1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. 2 Now the Jews’ Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. 6 Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee. 10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. 11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

**Song of Preparation** – Behold Our God

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 7:1-13: “Does Jesus Need Your Advice?”

Jesus knows what He’s doing and why He came into the world:

1. Nevertheless, Jesus’ brothers give Him unsolicited worldly advice. (John 7:1-5)
2. And so, Jesus declares His “against-the-world” mission and its timing. (John 7:6-9)
3. But people have mixed worldly opinions about Jesus’ character and intentions. (John 7:10-13)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 248 – Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

**Benediction** – And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12-13