**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, April 25th, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Light of the World

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 – Gloria Patri

**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**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 311 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

**Reading of the Law** – Titus 3:1-3

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate 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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. – Titus 3:4-7

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**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 Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Ascribe to the Lord

– There Is a Redeemer

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Micah 5:1-6 / NT: John 7:25-36

Micah 5:1–6 (ESV)

1 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. 2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. 5 And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men; 6 they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian when he comes into our land and treads within our border.

John 7:25–36 (ESV)

25 Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.” 28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. 29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.” 30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. 31 Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?” 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” 35 The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 7:25-36: “Is Jesus the Messiah?”

Jesus’ origin, signs, and destination raise questions which demand a definitive answer.

1. Why is this controversial Jesus teaching openly? (John 7:25-27)
2. Where is Jesus really from? What about His signs? Is He the Christ? (John 7:28-31)
3. Where is Jesus going? Why wouldn’t we be able to find Him? (John 7:32-36)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 62 – Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise (Psalm 96)

**Benediction** – The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26