**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, August 22nd, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 71 – Stand Up, O God Be Present Now

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** –To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 1:1-2

**Call to Worship Song** – Psalm 67\* (Seedbed Psalter; NTH 347)

**Call to Worship** – Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Ps. 95:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 524 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

**Reading of the Law** – 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty God, we confess we have broken your commandments. We have sinned by selfishness, worldliness, unbelief and pride. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not walked humbly with you. Forgive us our sins and blot out our debts according to your tender mercies, according to your loving kindness. Cleanse us by the blood of Jesus your Son. Give us a humble and contrite heart that we might forgive others as you have forgiven us. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. – 1 Corinthians 6:11

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:17-20

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– When I Look into Your Holiness

– Lord, I Need You

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 5 / NT: Romans 3:9-20

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Psalm 5:9-12: “Praying for Justice and Mercy – in Christ”

We can pray for God’s justice safely – only as we rely on the justifying mercy of God in Christ.

1. A prayer for justice. (Psalm 5:9-10)
2. A praise for God’s justifying mercy. (Psalm 5:11-12)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – NTH 520 – Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**Benediction** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

**\*Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us, and bless us from above,
Make His face shine upon us, with all His cov’nant love;
So that Your ways, O God, may be known in all the earth,
And Your salvation known by all peoples of the earth.

May all the peoples praise You, O God, may peoples praise;
May all the nations sing and be glad for all their days.
For You will rule the peoples with justice by Your hand,
And You will guide the nations in each and ev’ry land.

May all the peoples praise You, may peoples praise and sing.
The earth will yield its harvest, and will its produce bring.
And God, our God will bless us; yes, God will blessing send,
And all the earth will fear Him to its remotest end.