**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, November 21st, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – My Tribute

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** –Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. – 2 Tim 1:2b

**Call to Worship Hymn** – My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Ps. 105:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 22:34-40

*(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** – Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” … For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” – Rom. 10:9-11, 13

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**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 Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

 – NTH 363 – We Gather Together

 – NTH 715 – Come Ye Thankful People

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 6:8-13 / NT: John 9:1-12

Isaiah 6:8–13 (ESV)

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” 9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “ ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” 11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

John 9:1–12 (ESV)

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Exhortation** – An Exposition of John 9:1-12: “Jesus Opens Blind Eyes”

Jesus opens the eyes of a man born blind.

1. Jesus corrects a bad view of sin and sickness – that we might see that He is Light to the world. (John 9:1-4)
2. Seeing Jesus’ sign and its strange symbols – saliva, clay, washing, sight. (John 9:5-7)
3. Jesus’ sight-giving grace – and a witness who will see more and more clearly. (John 9:8-12)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 57 – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (Psalm 146)

**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