**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, December 26th, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 233 – To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

**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**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 208 – O Come All Ye Faithful

**Reading of the Law** – Galatians 5:19-21

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate 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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Gal. 3:13-14

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**Exhortation to Give** – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. – 2 Cor. 8:9

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 184 – The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

– Psalm 23

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Ezekiel 34:1-24 / NT: John 10:1-9

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 10:1-9: “The Voice of the True Shepherd”

Jesus is the true Shepherd who calls His own sheep by name.

1. The contrast: the thieves and robbers try to steal His sheep. (John 10:1-3)
2. The call: His sheep hear His voice and practice “stranger danger.” (John 10:4-6)
3. The consequence: His sheep are saved and well-fed. (John 10:7-9)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – NTH 87 – The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want (Psalm 23)

**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