**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, February 13th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** –Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Galatians 1:3-5

**Call to Worship Song** – The Steadfast Love of the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! Psalm 65:4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 88 – With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

**Reading of the Law** – Deuteronomy 5:1-21

*(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** – Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24

**Confession Medley**

– Depths of Mercy

– Thank You for Your Mercy

**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**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 / NT: John 11:28-44

Ecclesiastes 7:1–14 (ESV)

1 A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. 5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity. 7 Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart. 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools. 10 Say not, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. 11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. 12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. 13 Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

John 11:28–44 (ESV)

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Exhortation** – An Exposition of John 11:28-44: “Indignation and Resurrection”

Jesus proves that He is God, the Resurrection and the Life:

1. But first, Jesus, indignant at death, grieves with those who grieve. (John 11:28-37)
2. Then Jesus calls for faith to see God’s glory and gives thanks to His Father. (John 11:38-42)
3. Finally, Jesus raises Lazarus by His Word and frees him from the grave. (John 11:43-44)

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response** – Psalm 16 (Seedbed Psalter; tune: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”)

**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 16**

O keep me safe, my God—I take refuge in Thee.  
I said to God, “You are my Lord; I have no good but Thee.”  
As for Your saints on earth, they are the glo-rious ones;  
The godly who are my delight—Your daughters and Your sons.

Those who seek other gods, their sorrows will increase,  
For chasing after emptiness will never bring them peace.  
I will not join with them, blood offerings to make;  
The names of idols, empty gods, on my lips I’ll not take.

The Lord’s my portion and my cup, my sure defense;  
For You have made my lot secure – You’re my inheritance.  
The bound’ries of my life have fallen pleasantly;  
My heritage, my sure repose, is beautiful to me.

I’ll praise and bless the Lord who has instructed me;  
Indeed, my heart and mind all night do counsel give to me.  
For I have set the Lord before me e’er to stand;  
And I will never shaken be, for He’s at my right hand.

Therefore, my heart is glad, my spirit does rejoice;  
My flesh will also dwell secure, and I’ll lift up my voice.  
You won’t abandon me to death and the grave’s sway;  
You won’t allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

You have made known to me the path of life, the Way;  
For in Your presence there is joy in all its full array.  
At Your right hand are found both joy and pleasures’ store;  
For in Your presence, at Your hand, are pleasures evermore.