**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, April 24th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – Our God Reigns (W&C 229)

**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. Gal. 1:3-5

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 286 – Worship Christ, the Risen King

**Call to Worship** – But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise**

NTH 267 – The Day of Resurrection

NTH 274 – Thine Be the Glory

**Reading of the Law** – Titus 3:1-3

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 731

**Exhortation to Give** – “…Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – Living Hope

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 40 / NT: Galatians 1:1-5

Psalm 40 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. 4 Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! 5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. 6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: 8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. 10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. 11 As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! 12 For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! 14 Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! 15 Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!” 16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!” 17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Galatians 1:1–5 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 1:1-5: “A Letter to Recovering Pharisees”

The risen Christ sends His apostle to preach His Gospel.

1. His apostle has a divine commission and mission. (Galatians 1:1-2)
2. His Gospel has a divine blessing, source, purpose, and goal. (Galatians 1:3-5)
   1. The divine blessing: grace and peace.
   2. The divine source: Christ’s saving substitution by God’s will.
   3. The divine purpose: deliverance from this evil age.
   4. The divine goal: the eternal glory of God the Father.

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response** – Psalm 40:1-10 (*Seedbed Psalter*; tune: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”; \*lyrics below)

**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

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**Psalm 40:1-10**

I waited for the Lord my God, I waited patiently;  
And He in mercy heard my cry; inclined His ear to me.  
He brought me up out of the pit, out from the miry clay;  
He set my feet upon a rock, there firm to stand and stay.

He put a new song in my mouth, God’s praise for all to hear;  
And many then will trust the Lord who see and learn to fear.  
How bless’d the one who trusts the Lord, who looks not to the proud;  
Nor to the ones who turn aside to false gods all around.

For many are Your wonders, Lord, things planned beyond compare;  
They are far more than I can count, more than I could declare.  
An off’ring You have not required, but rather pierced my ears;  
Burnt off’ring You have not desired, but rather, one who hears.

And so I said, “Behold, I come; it is prescribed for me  
within Your scroll to do Your will; Your law is deep in me.”  
I have proclaimed deliverance, glad news for all to hear;  
You know I’ve not restrained my lips from speaking far and near.

I did not hide Your righteousness alone within my heart;  
But I spoke of Your faithfulness; Your truth I did impart.  
I’ve not concealed Your steadfast love, Your faithfulness of old;  
To the assembly gathered round, I’ve Your salvation told.