**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, October 9th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Living Hope

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – Stand Up and Bless the Lord

**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. Psalm 95:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 80 – Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee

**Reading of the Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

*(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** – 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

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**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**

**Hymn of Preparation** – Yet Not I But Christ in Me

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 130 / NT: Galatians 5:1-6

Psalm 130 (ESV)

A Song of Ascents. 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Galatians 5:1–6 (ESV)

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 5:1-6: “Freedom, Faith, Hope, and Love”

Jesus’ justifying grace has set us free from legalistic bondage:

1. Stand firm in that freedom. (Galatians 5:1)
2. Heed the apostle’s warning. (Galatians 5:2-4)
3. Hope only in Jesus’ righteousness. (Galatians 5:5-6)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 521 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**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