**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Reformation Hymn

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. Titus 1:4

**Call to Worship Song** – Let the Cross Be Our Glory

**Call to Worship** – Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 524 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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

(Silent Confession of Sin)

**Song of Confession** – Depth of Mercy

**Assurance of Pardon** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

**Exhortation to Give** – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:19-21

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 307 – Nothing But the Blood – verses 1 & 3)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 125 / NT: Galatians 6:11-18

Psalm 125 (ESV)

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! 5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Galatians 6:11–18 (ESV)

11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 6:11-18: “Boasting Only in the Cross”

With Paul, our boast is only in the Cross of Christ:

1. Not in the flesh but in our crucified Lord. (Galatians 6:11-13)
2. Not in the world but in a new creation. (Galatians 6:14-16)
3. Not in pleasing men but in His grace. (Galatians 6:17-18)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 252 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**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