**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – Because He Lives

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** –Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings of the earth. - Revelation 1:4-5

**Call to Worship Hymn** – W&C 215 – Alleluia**,** Alleluia

**Easter Call & Response**

Minister: The Lord is risen!

Church: He is risen indeed!

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 276 – Up From the Grave He Arose

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – (Righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. – Romans 4:24b-25

**Responsive Reading** – W&C 182

**Quartet-**O Sacred Head Now Wounded

**Congregational Singing** – Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

**Choir** –Welcome, Happy Morning

**Congregational Singing-**NTH 267-The Day of Resurrection

**Cello Solo** –Thine Be the Glory

**Responsive Reading** – W&C 214

**Congregational Singing** – NTH 277 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Adult Choir** –Rejoice

**Congregational Singing** – In Christ Alone

**Exhortation to Give** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

**Collection with Offertory-**NTH 275The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / NT: Luke 24:1-35

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Luke 24:13-35: “The Stranger on the Emmaus Road”

The risen Jesus opens up the Christ-centered Scriptures on the Emmaus Road to a couple of despairing disciples. They are:

1. Blind to the crucified and risen Christ – and the events of Good Friday & Easter morning. (Luke 24:13-24)
2. Instructed by the crucified and risen Christ – from all of Scripture. (Luke 24:25-27)
3. Enlightened to see to the crucified and risen Christ – in the breaking of bread. (Luke 24:28-35)

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response** – Psalm 16 (Trinity Psalter)

**Benediction** – Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21