**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, June 25th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Facing a Task Unfinished

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Timothy 1:2

**Call to Worship Song** – The Risen Christ

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Ps. 105:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 369 – Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

**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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:5-6

**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 340 – Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation** – O Church Arise

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 43:8-13 / NT: John 15:21-16:4

Isaiah 43:8–13 (ESV)

8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! 9 All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. 10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. 11 I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. 12 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God. 13 Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”

John 15:21–16:4 (ESV)

21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’ 26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. 1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 15:26-16:4: “The Spirit’s Witness to Christ in a Hostile World”

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to bear witness and to preserve His church’s witness in a hostile world:

1. The Spirit’s witness – and ours – in a hostile world. (John 15:26-27)
2. Jesus’ preserving Word in a hostile world. (John 16:1-4)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 347 – The Church’s One Foundation

**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