**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP (with Communion)**

**for Sunday, July 2nd, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . with all the saints . . . Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 1:1b-2

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

**Call to Worship** – Jesus says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 34 – The God of Abraham Praise

**Reading of Law** – A Summary of the Ten Commandments & Great Commandment

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Confession of Sin** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

**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

**Offering and Diaconal Collection with Prayer** (Offertory – NTH 468 – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place)

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 481 – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 11:27-12:3 / NT: Galatians 3:1-9

Genesis 11:27–12:3 (ESV)

27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. 28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. 30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram’s wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran. 1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:1–9 (ESV)

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – Christ in the OT: “God Preaches the Gospel to Abraham”

The LORD calls and blesses Abraham – by preaching the Gospel to him.

1. The LORD’s call to Abraham. (Genesis 12:1)
2. The LORD’s blessing of Abraham – which will bless all nations. (Genesis 12:2-3)
3. The LORD’s Gospel for Abraham – and for us. (Galatians 3:7-9)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Hymn of Preparation** –NTH 480 – Come for the Feast Is Spread

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 499 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me / Cup: NTH 423 – According to Thy Gracious Word)

* Invitation, Warning, and Prayer of Consecration
* Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 141 – God in the Gospel of His Son

**Benediction** – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14