**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, July 16th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – O How Good It Is

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Gal. 1:3-5

**Call to Worship Song** – Glorify Thy Name

**Call to Worship** – I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps. 121:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 101 – Come Thou Almighty King

**Reading of the Law** – Luke 10:25-28

(Silent Confession of Sin)

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty God, we confess we have broken your commandments. We have sinned by selfishness, worldliness, unbelief and pride. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not walked humbly with you. Forgive us our sins and blot out our debts according to your tender mercies, according to your loving kindness. Cleanse us by the blood of Jesus your Son. Give us a humble and contrite heart that we might forgive others as you have forgiven us. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration 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

**Exhortation to Give** – Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:17-20

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 338 – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley** – There Is a Higher Throne / When This Passing World Is Done

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 41:21-29 / NT: John 16:12-15

Isaiah 41:21–29 (ESV)

21 Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. 23 Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified. 24 Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you. 25 I stirred up one from the north, and he has come, from the rising of the sun, and he shall call upon my name; he shall trample on rulers as on mortar, as the potter treads clay. 26 Who declared it from the beginning, that we might know, and beforehand, that we might say, “He is right”? There was none who declared it, none who proclaimed, none who heard your words. 27 I was the first to say to Zion, “Behold, here they are!” and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good news. 28 But when I look, there is no one; among these there is no counselor who, when I ask, gives an answer. 29 Behold, they are all a delusion; their works are nothing; their metal images are empty wind.

John 16:12–15 (ESV)

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 16:12-15: “The Spirit’s Work in the Apostolic Church”

Jesus sends the Spirit of Truth to minister His Word to us.

1. He guides the apostolic church into all truth in Christ. (John 16:12-13a)
2. He reveals to the apostolic church future things in Christ. (John 16:13b)
3. He makes known the Gospel to the apostolic church to glorify God in Christ. (John 16:14-15)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – *Trinity Psalter* Psalm 96 (tune: NTH 296 – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!)

***Trinity Psalter* Psalm 96**

O sing a new song to the LORD;

All earth sing to the LORD.

Sing to the LORD, and bless His name;

“He saves!” each day proclaim.

His glory to all nations show;

His deeds let peoples know.

The LORD is great. How great His praise!

Above all gods He’s feared.

For heathen gods are idols vain;

The LORD the heavens made.

Before Him honor, majesty,

And strength and splendor be!

O families of earth, ascribe

All glory to the LORD!

All strength ascribe unto the LORD;

The glory of His name

Give to the LORD. To His courts come

And bring an offering.

In beautiful and holy robes

Bring worship to the LORD.

All earth, before Him stand in awe;

Proclaim, “The LORD is King!”

Controlled by Him, the world stands firm;

His judgments justice bless.

Let heav’ns be glad and earth rejoice.

In vast expanse untold

Let seas speak out with endless roar.

Let fields and all they hold

Their glory give; let trees and woods

With rustling boughs give praise.

Let all prepare to greet the LORD,

Because He coming is.

He surely comes to judge the earth.

And righteousness is His.

He’ll nations judge with faithfulness,

The world with justice bless.

**Benediction** – And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12-13