**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, September 24th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

***(with Covenant Infant Baptism of Charlotte Marie Batten)***

**Opening Song** – Yet Not I But through Christ in Me

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To those who are elect . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. 1 Peter 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – Come into His Presence

**Call to Worship** – Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 296 – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

**Reading of the Law** – Galatians 3:10-12

(Silent Confession of Sin)

**Corporate 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** – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Gal. 3:13-14

**Song of Response** –Depth of Mercy

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**Exhortation to Give** – “…Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 248 – Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 246 – Man of Sorrows! What a Name

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 27 / NT: John 18:1-14

Psalm 27 (ESV)

Of David. 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” 9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

John 18:1–14 (ESV)

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” 5 They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” 8 Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?” 12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 18:1-14: “The Sovereign Lord Betrayed and Arrested”

Jesus, the sovereign Lord in the flesh, is betrayed and arrested – for our salvation.

1. According to His own sovereign will. (John 18:1-3)
2. Displaying His own divine power. (John 18:4-9)
3. Overruling human schemes. (John 18:10-14)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – *Trinity Psalter Hymnal –* Psalm 27A:1-8 – The LORD’s My Light

**Benediction** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

***Trinity Psalter Hymnal* Psalm 27A:1-8**

The LORD’s my light and saving help – by whom am I dismayed?

The LORD’s the stronghold of my life – of whom am I afraid?

When evildoers threaten me to eat my flesh away,

My adversaries and my foes will stumble in that day.

Though armies war on ev’ry side, my heart will feel no dread;

Though war against me should arise, yet I will lift my head.

One thing I plead before the LORD, and seek with heart upraised;

That I may come within God’s house and dwell there all my days.

To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and see his grace,

And seek to know, within his house, instruction in his ways.

For he will hide and shelter me when comes the evil day;

He sets me high upon a rock; his tent will keep me safe.

My head is lifted high above my foes who hem me in;

I sacrifice within his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.

LORD, hear me when I call to you; be merciful and speak!

“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, I will seek.

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