**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, November 12th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 1:1-2

**Call to Worship Song** – To Thee We Ascribe Glory

**Call to Worship** – How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Psalm 84:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – Lamb of God, Our Souls Adore Thee

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:27-30

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – NTH 486 – God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51:1-15)

**Assurance 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** – “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: Lamb of God)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 50:4-11 / NT: John 19:1-16

Isaiah 50:4–11 (ESV)

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7 But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10 Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. 11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

John 19:1–16 (ESV)

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” 6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” 7 The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” 8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. 9 He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” 11 Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” 12 From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” 13 So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 19:1-16: “The King Rejected and Condemned”

Jesus the true King and spotless Lamb of God is willingly condemned for our sins.

1. Jesus is mocked yet vindicated as the True King. (John 19:1-5)
	1. Do you bow your knee to the True King?
2. Jesus is accused yet vindicated as the only Son of God. (John 19:6-11)
	1. Do you confess Jesus as the only Son of God?
3. Jesus is rejected yet vindicated as the spotless Passover Lamb. (John 19:12-16)
	1. Do you trust only the blood of the Lamb to deliver you from God’s judgment?

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 257 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

**Benediction** – Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17