**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Only a Holy God

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. – Titus 1:4

**Call to Worship Song** – Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord

**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 100 – Holy, Holy, Holy

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned; but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:16-18

**Exhortation to Give** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Heb. 13:16

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: His Mercy Is More)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Psalm 23

– Jesus Strong and Kind

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 2:4-9 / NT: John 20:19-23

Genesis 2:4–9 (ESV)

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. 5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

John 20:19–23 (ESV)

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 20:19-23: “The Risen Jesus Speaks Peace”

The risen Jesus appears to His weak and frightened disciples hiding in a locked room.

1. He speaks peace and brings joy. (John 20:19-20)
   1. Rejoice in the peace bestowed by the crucified and risen Jesus!
2. He speaks peace, imparts His Spirit, and grants Gospel authority. (John 20:21-23)
   1. Declare His peace and forgiveness for those who believe!

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 472 – Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

**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