**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF SERVICE for Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship** – Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. – Isaiah 1:18

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 455 – And Can It Be?

**Reading of Law** – A Summary of the Ten Commandments

**Confession of Sin**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. For you have promised, O Father, that if we confess our sins, you will be faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – by the blood of your Son, Jesus. Restore to us the joy of your salvation by the power of your Holy Spirit. And enable us, by your grace, to walk in the light of your Gospel, and to show fellow sinners the way of repentance. Amen.(Adapted from Psalm 51)

**Declaration of Pardon** – Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. - Isa. 55:7

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Exhortation to Give** – 2 Corinthians 8:9

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 32 / NT: Luke 13:1-5

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – Luke 13:1-5: “The Lesson of Disasters: Repent or Perish”

Outline:

Jesus makes clear the lesson of various disasters.

1. They do not befall “worse sinners.”
2. They are temporal and warn of eternal judgment.
3. They call all of us to repent of sin and flee to Christ – or perish forever.

**Prayer of Application**

**Closing song** – NTH 486 – God Be Merciful to Me

**Benediction** – 2 Corinthians 13:14