**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP (with Communion)**

**for Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – Apostles’ Creed

**Call to Worship** – Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:4-5

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 420 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

**Reading of Law** – A Summary of the Ten Commandments & Great Commandment

*(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, and that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus 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

**Confession Medley**

– Depths of Mercy

– Power of the Cross

**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

**Prayer for Regular & Diaconal Collections with Pastoral Prayer**

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 3:17-21 / NT: 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

Genesis 3:17–21 (ESV)

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” 20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

1 Corinthians 15:42–49 (ESV)

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** Christ in the OT (Genesis 3:17-21 with 1 Corinthians 15:42-49):

“The Man of Dust & the Man of Heaven”

The first Adam is the man made of dust who returns to dust – and we bear his likeness by nature; the Last Adam is the Man of Heaven raised from the dust – and we bear His likeness by grace.

1. God curses the ground for the sin of the man of dust – and with him, we are condemned to the dust of death. (Genesis 3:17-19)
2. Yet God has promised a Savior who will restore us to life – and cover our shame with His sacrifice. (Genesis 3:20-21)
3. Christ came from heaven, died for our sins, and rose for our justification – so that with Him we might rise from the dust of death to life eternal. (1 Corinthians 15:42-49)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Service Hymn of Preparation**

– NTH 427 Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 264 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross / Cup: NTH 253 – There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood)

* Invitation & Warning
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Song** – NTH 156 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

**Benediction** – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14