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

**for Sunday, June 6th, 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** – Living Hope

**Call to Worship** – Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. Ps. 96:1-4a

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 295 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus’ sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly… But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6, 8

**Medley**

– There Is a Higher Throne

– When This Passing World Is Done

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

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

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 3:20-24 / NT: Revelation 22:1-5

Genesis 3:20–24 (ESV)

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. 22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 22:1–5 (ESV)

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** Christ in the OT (Genesis 3:20-24 with Revelation 22:1-5): “God’s Garden: Exile in Adam & Restoration in Christ”

God exiles Adam from His garden-temple – and Christ restores us to God’s garden-city-temple.

1. Gospel hope and the judgment of exile. (Genesis 3:20-24)
	1. This is why we should feel “homeless” in this world.
2. Israel’s history of sin, exile, and promised restoration. (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)
	1. This is why we should live as “exiles” in this world.
3. The restoration realized in Christ crucified, risen, and returning. (Revelation 22:1-5)
	1. This is why we should look forward to the heavenly city-garden.

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 427 – Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands / Cup: NTH 499 – Rock of Ages)

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

**Closing Song** – NTH 546 – The Sands of Time Are Sinking

**Benediction** – The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26