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

**for Sunday, August 8th, 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** – NTH 7 – From All That Dwells Below the Skies

**Call to Worship** – One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 80 – Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your great mercy, you sent your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting righteousness. Grant us true repentance that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by faith in Your life-giving Gospel. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may be ever thankful and live a faithful and godly life in your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

**Special Song** – Jesus, Strong and Kind (led by Joanne & Ethan Goonewardene)

**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

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

**Medley**

– Before the Throne of God Above

– NTH 401 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 4 / NT: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Psalm 4 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David. 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! 2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah* 3 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. 4 Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah* 5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. 6 There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!” 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (ESV)

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** An Exposition of Psalm 4: “Gospel Remedies for Distressed Saints”

Be assured, God your righteousness will hear your prayer of distress.

1. He justifies you and you are set apart for Him – despite the lying mockery of men. (Psalm 4:1-3)
2. He quells your anger when you trust in Him. (Psalm 4:4-5)
3. He gives you a greater joy than earthly blessings – despite the cynicism of skeptics. (Psalm 4:6-7)
4. He gives you peaceful sleep because you are safe in Christ. (Psalm 4:8)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 499 – Rock of Ages / Cup: NTH 264 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross)

* Invitation, Warning, and Prayer of Consecration
* Confession of Faith – the Apostles’ Creed
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Song** – Psalm 4 (Seedbed Psalter; tune: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

1 God, answer when I call to You,  
For You are all my righteousness.  
Be merciful, and hear my prayer,  
O give me help in my distress.

2 How long, O people, will you turn  
my honor into such disgrace?  
How long will you love worthless lies,  
And seek false gods and not God’s face?

3 The Lord calls godly ones to Him;  
The Lord hears when I call to Him.  
4 So in your anger, do not sin,  
And search your heart as day grows dim.

O ponder Him upon your bed;  
Be still, and make your heart His own.     
5 Give sacrifices that are right  
and trust in God the Lord alone.

6 So many ask, “O who can know  
or show us any good at all?”  
O let the light of Your face shine  
upon us, Lord, who on You call.

7 My heart is filled with greater joy  
than when new wine and grain abound.  
8 I will lie down and sleep in peace,  
For You, Lord, safely me surround.

**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