**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, August 15th, 2021 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Behold Our God

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 – Gloria Patri

**Call to Worship** – But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Psalm 5:7

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 48 – O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 22:34-40

*(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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**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 Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Thank You for Your Mercy

– Depths of Mercy

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 5 / NT: Romans 3:9-26

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Psalm 5: “Prayer for God’s Justice & Praise for His Justifying Mercy”

In Christ, when we pray to God for His justice, we praise Him for His justifying mercy to us.

1. A prayer in the morning – with groaning and confidence. (Psalm 5:1-3)
2. A praise for God’s holy hatred. (Psalm 5:4-6)
3. A praise for God’s abundant covenant mercy. (Psalm 5:7-8)
4. A prayer for God’s holy justice. (Psalm 5:9-10)
5. A praise for God’s justifying mercy. (Psalm 5:11-12)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – NTH 51 – O Jehovah, Hear My Words (Psalm 5)

**Benediction** – May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 15:5-6