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

**for Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. - 1 Timothy 1:2

**Call to Worship Song** – Reformation Hymn

**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. – Psalm 96:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 181 – We Come, O Christ, to You

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Confession of Sin** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Exhortation to Give** – So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10

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

**Song of Preparation** – The Power of the Cross

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Deuteronomy 18:15-22 / NT: John 12:44-50

Deuteronomy 18:15–22 (ESV)

15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ 21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

John 12:44–50 (ESV)

44 And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of John 12:44-50: “Jesus’ Final Public Sermon”

Jesus preaches the Gospel publicly one last time. He proclaims:

1. When you believe in Jesus, you are believing in His Father. (John 12:44-46)
2. If you do not believe in Jesus, you will be judged by His Word. (John 12:47-48)
3. When you obey the Father’s commandment to believe, you receive eternal life. (John 12:49-50)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 264 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross / Cup: There Is a Redeemer)

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

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 141 – God, in the Gospel of His Son

**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 Corinthians 13:14