**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Easter Sunday, April 17th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude** – Because He Lives

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** –Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings of the earth. - Revelation 1:4-5

**Call to Worship Hymn** – W&C 215 – Alleluia**,** Alleluia

**Easter Call & Response**

Minister: The Lord is risen!

Church: He is risen indeed!

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 276 – Up From the Grave He Arose

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**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** – (Righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. – Romans 4:24b-25

**Congregational Singing** – Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

**Choir** –Redeeming Love

**Responsive Reading** – W&C 182

**Cello Solo** –God So Loved the World

**Responsive Reading** – W&C 214

**Congregational Singing** – NTH 277 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Adult Choir** – Lamb of Glory

**Congregational Singing** – In Christ Alone

**Exhortation to Give** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

**Prayer for Collection & Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 16 / NT: Luke 24:1-12

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Luke 24:1-12: “Jesus’ Word Is True – He Is Risen!

Jesus’ Gospel words are true and worthy of trust:

1. As confirmed by the fact of His empty tomb. (Luke 24:1-4)
2. As the angels proclaim the meaning of His empty tomb. (Luke 24:5-8)
3. As the women go and tell the apostles about His empty tomb. (Luke 24:9-12)

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response** – Psalm 16 (Trinity Psalter)

**Benediction** – Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21