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

**for Sunday, August 7th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To those who are elect . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. 1 Peter 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – Apostles’ Creed

**Call to Worship** – Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! Psalm 65:4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 347 – The Church’s One Foundation

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

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

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Exhortation to Give** – “…Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b

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

**Hymn of Preparation** – Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 103 / NT: Galatians 3:25-29

Psalm 103 (ESV) Of David. 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. 6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. 17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, 18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. 19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. 20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! 21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! 22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Galatians 3:25–29 (ESV) 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 3:26-29: “Who Do You Think You Are?”

Christ – not the Law – identifies who we are. We are:

1. Sons of God in Christ. (Galatians 3:26)
2. Clothed with Christ. (Galatians 3:27)
3. One in Christ. (Galatians 3:28)
4. Heirs with Christ. (Galatians 3:29)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 247 – Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands / Cup: NTH 429 – Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured)

* Invitation, Warning, and Prayer of Consecration
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 6 – O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (Psalm 103)

**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