**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, December 11th, 2022 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 224 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Gal. 1:3-5

**Call to Worship Song** – W&C 82 – O Come, Let Us Adore Him

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Ps. 105:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 95 – Joy to the World

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

(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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24

**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

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 217 – All My Heart This Night Rejoices)

**Doxology** – NTH 732 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 205 – Away in the Manger

– NTH 216 – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Exodus 23:1-9 / NT: Galatians 5:25-6:5

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 6:1-5: “The Law of Christ”

Christ bore our burden of sin and so calls us to bear one another’s burdens, as we:

1. Restore those caught in sin. (Galatians 6:1)
2. Fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2-3)
3. Bear our own load on the Last Day. (Galatians 6:4-5)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 359 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Benediction** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13