**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, July 9th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

***(with Covenant Infant Baptism of Caleb Enoch Batten)***

**Opening Song** – NTH 710 – God of Our Fathers

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship Song** – Reformation Hymn

**Call to Worship** – Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Psalm 117

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 711 – God the All-Terrible!

**Reading of the Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

(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, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Ps. 103:8-12

**Confessional Hymn** – NTH 713 Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

**Covenant Infant Baptism** – Caleb Enoch Batten

**Exhortation to Give** – Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: Only a Holy God)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 44:1-5 / NT: John 16:4b-15

Isaiah 44:1–5 (ESV)

1 “But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! 2 Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. 4 They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. 5 This one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The Lord’s,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”

John 16:4b–15 (ESV)

4 … “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 16:4b-15: “The Spirit’s Work in the World and the Church”

Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the world and to minister to us:

1. This is why Jesus must depart. (John 16:4b-7)
2. This is how the Spirit bears witness to the world – through us. (John 16:8-11)
3. This is how the Spirit ministers in the church – to us. (John 16:12-15)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – *Trinity Psalter* Psalm 143 (tune: NTH 170 – Fairest Lord Jesus)

**Psalm 143**

LORD, hearken to my prayer;

My supplication hear.

Reply in truth and in righteousness.

And with Your servant now

To judgment do not come,

For in Your sight no man is just.

The foe has hounded me;

My life to earth he crushed.

Entombed he kept me as those long dead.

My spirit therefore faints,

Within me overwhelmed.

My heart in me is desolate.

I days of old recall;

I muse on all Your deeds;

I ponder long what Your hands have wrought.

I stretch my hands to You;

My soul longs after You

As thirsts a dry and desert land.

Haste, LORD, to answer me!

O how my spirit fails!

Hide not the light of Your face from me,

Lest I become like those

Who to the pit go down.

O let me not with them descend.

Let me Your mercy hear

When morning light appears;

I flee to You for my hiding place.

Teach me to know the way;

Show me how I should walk,

For I lift up my soul to You.

Deliver me, O LORD,

From all my enemies;

That You may hide me I flee to You.

Teach me to do Your will;

My God of Spirit good,

O make me dwell in upright lands.

For Your name’s sake, O Lord,

Deal graciously with me;

Relieve my soul in Your righteousness.

My foes slay in Your grace;

Destroy my enemies,

Because I am Your servant true.

**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