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

**for Sunday, October 1st, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Behold Our God

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. Titus 1:4

**Call to Worship Song** – The Risen Christ

**Call to Worship** – Jesus says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 301 – Join All the Glorious Names

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Confession of Sin** – Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

**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

**Offering and Diaconal Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 468 – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 165 – Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 14:18-20 and Psalm 110 / NT: Hebrews 7:11-28

Genesis 14:18–20 (ESV)

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) 19 And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalm 110 (ESV)

A Psalm of David. 1 The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” 2 The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” 5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. 7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Hebrews 7:11–28 (ESV)

11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. 13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. 20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’ ” 22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – Christ in the OT 21: “Christ and Melchizedek”

Abraham meets and honors the King-Priest of peace and righteousness.

1. The mysterious Melchizedek. (Genesis 14:18-20)
2. The prophesied Melchizedek. (Psalm 110:4)
3. The true Melchizedek – Jesus our eternal Priest. (Hebrews 7:11-28)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 244 – He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions / Cup: There Is a Redeemer)

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

**Closing Psalm** – Trinity Psalter – Psalm 110 (see below)

**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

***Trinity Psalter* Psalm 110**

Jehovah to my Lord has said,

“Sit Thou at My right hand

Until I make Thy foes a stool

Whereon Thy feet may stand.”

Jehovah shall from Zion send

The scepter of Thy power.

In battle with Thine enemies

Be Thou the conqueror.

A willing people in Thy day

Of power shall come to Thee.

Thy youth arrayed in holiness

Like morning dew shall be.

Jehovah swore, and from His oath

He never will depart:

“Of th’order of Melchizedek

A priest Thou ever art.”

The Lord at Thy right hand shall smite

Earth’s rulers in His wrath.

Among the nations He shall judge;

The slain shall fill His path.

In many lands He’ll overthrow

Their kings with ruin dread;

And, marching, He’ll drink from the brook

And so lift up His head.

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(NTH 578 - “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”)

*Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650*