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

**for Sunday, February 4th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 55 – To God Be the Glory

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. - 1 Timothy 1:2

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 – Gloria Patri

**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 9 – All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name

**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 while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly… But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6, 8

**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 251 – Beneath the Cross of Jesus)

**Doxology** – NTH 733 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation** – Power of the Cross

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 17:1-14 / NT: Acts 2:29-41

Genesis 17:1–14 (ESV)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” 9 And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Acts 2:29–41 (ESV)

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’ 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – Christ in the OT 25 (Genesis 17:1-8 w/ Acts 2:38-39): “A God to You and Your Children”

The God of the covenant of grace promises to be a God to us and to our children:

1. Covenant grace begets faith and grateful obedience. (Genesis 17:1-2)
2. Covenant grace bestows a new identity. (Genesis 17:3-6)
3. Covenant grace blesses covenant families with covenant hope. (Genesis 17:7-8; Acts 2:38-39)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Preparation Song** – Behold the Lamb

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 247 – O Sacred Head Now Wounded / Cup: NTH 254 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed)

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

**Closing Psalm** – Psalm 127 (*Sing Psalms*; tune: NTH 254)

**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

**Psalm 127**

1 Unless the LORD builds up the house,

its builders toil in vain;

 Unless he keeps the city safe,

 they vainly watch maintain.

2 In vain you rise before the dawn

 and late hours vainly keep

 that you may toil for food to eat –

 he gives his loved ones sleep.

3 Sons are a precious heritage,

 a blessing from the LORD;

 The children that are born to us

 are truly his reward.

4 Like arrows in a warrior’s hand

 are children of one’s youth.

5 The man whose quiver’s full of them

 is blessed by God in truth.

 Such men will not be put to shame –

 that will not be their fate –

 When they contend against their foes

 Who face them in the gate.

Tune: NTH 254 – Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

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