**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, March 17th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

***Licentiate Dominic Silla preaching***

**Opening Hymn** – NTH 179 – Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . with all the saints . . . Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 381 – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

**Call to Worship** – Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Ps. 115:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 101 – Come Thou Almighty King

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Hymn of Confession** – NTH 496 – Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned

**Assurance 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

**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: NTH 332 – Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation** – He Will Hold Me Fast

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Deuteronomy 19:15-21 / NT: 1 John 5:6-13

Deuteronomy 19:15–21 (ESV)

15 “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. 16 If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, 17 then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. 18 The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, 19 then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. 20 And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

1 John 5:6–13 (ESV)

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of 1 John 5:6-13: “A Testimony unto Assurance”

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 335 – Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

**Benediction** – May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 15:5-6