**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Behold Our God

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. - Eph. 1:2

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

**Call to Worship** – Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** –NTH 115 – All Creatures of Our God and King

**Reading of the Law** – Deuteronomy 5:1-21

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Heb. 13:16

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 170 – Fairest Lord Jesus)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– When This Passing World Is Done

– There Is a Higher Throne

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 2 / NT: Hebrews 1:1-4

Psalm 2 (ESV)

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” 7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Hebrews 1:1–4 (ESV)

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** HEBREWS: JESUS IS SUPERIOR

An Exposition of Hebrews 1:1-4: “Jesus: God’s Last Day Word”

Listen! God has spoken by His Superior Son:

1. To fulfill His prior prophetic Word in these Last Days. (Hebrews 1:1-2a)
2. To reveal His superiority over all. (Hebrews 1:2b-4)
   1. As the heir of all things who created all things.
   2. As the radiance of God’s glory and revealer of God’s nature.
   3. As the upholder of all things.
   4. As the One who made purification for sins.
   5. As the One who is now exalted above the angels.

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – *Trinity Psalter Hymnal –* Psalm 2B – Why Do Heathen Nations Rage? (tune: NTH 509)

Why do heathen nations rage? Why do peoples plot in vain?

Kings and rulers join to wage war against God’s royal reign.

Speaking out against the LORD, his Anointed they defy:

“Let us break apart their cords, cast away their chains,” they cry.

He who sits in heaven laughs; God derides and mocks them all.

Then he speaks to them in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:

“Yet according to my will, I have set my king to reign,

Fixed on Zion’s holy hill, my Anointed will remain.”

I will tell of his decree: this to me the LORD did say,

“You are my beloved Son; I have brought you forth this day.

Ask for all the earth abroad, you shall own the nations far.

You will break them with a rod, dash them like a potter’s jar.”

Therefore, kings, be wise, be warned; rulers of the earth, give ear.

Come with awe and serve the LORD: mingle joy with trembling fear.

Kiss the Son, his anger turn, lest you perish in the way,

For his wrath will quickly burn. All who trust him – blest are they!

**Benediction** – Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21