**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, August 11th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 173 – Praise Him! Praise Him!

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 1:3

**Call to Worship Song** – I Exalt Thee

**Call to Worship** – How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Psalm 84:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

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

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 22:34-40

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General 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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Rom. 8:31-34

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 308 – Jesus Paid It All)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Before the Throne of God Above

– Jesus, Strong and King

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 27 / NT: Hebrews 4:11-16

Psalm 27 (ESV)

Of David. 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” 9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Hebrews 4:11–16 (ESV)

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 4:14-16: “Jesus Our Great High Priest”

Since Jesus is our great high priest, let us hold fast our confession and draw near with confidence:

1. Because He is our divine and heavenly high priest. (Hebrews 4:14)
2. Because He is our sympathetic and sinless high priest. (Hebrews 4:15)
3. Because He is our merciful and able high priest. (Hebrews 4:16)

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response** – NTH 305 – Arise, My Soul, Arise

**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