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

**for Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 696 – Blessed Assurance

**Gospel Greeting** – To all the saints in Christ Jesus . . . with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Ps. 105:1-4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 295 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

**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. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned; but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:16-18

**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: All Praise to Him)

**Doxology** – NTH 732 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation** – Living Hope

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 5:1-7 / NT: Hebrews 6:1-12

Isaiah 5:1–7 (ESV)

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Hebrews 6:1–12 (ESV)

1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. 7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. 9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. 10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. 11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 6:4-12: “Warning and Reassurance”

The Gospel comes with a warning label – and a reassuring antidote.

1. The warning against apostacy. (Hebrews 6:4-6)
   1. Be sure not to take general Gospel blessings for granted.
2. The illustration of apostacy. (Hebrews 6:7-8)
   1. Be sure to receive the blessing of these Gospel showers.
3. The antidote to apostacy. (Hebrews 6:9-12)
   1. Be assured by the fruit that accompanies the Gospel.

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Song of Preparation** – Behold the Lamb

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus / Cup: NTH 254 – Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed)

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

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 427 – Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

**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