**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, September 15th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – All Praise to Him

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. Titus 1:4

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 700 – Come, We That Love the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. – Romans 11:33-36

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 523 – My Hope Is in the Lord

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

*(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** – 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 705 – I Know Whom I Have Believed)

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 457 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

– He Will Hold Me Fast

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 6:4-12

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 6:4–12 (ESV)

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**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 6:4-12: “Warning and Reassurance” (Part 2 of 2)

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

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

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 508 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul

**Benediction** – And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12-13