**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, September 29th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 302 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church . . . in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 1 Thess. 1:1

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

**Call to Worship** – Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Ps. 107:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 296 – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

**Reading of the Law** – Galatians 3:10-12

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General Confession of Sin** – Almighty God, we confess we have broken your commandments. We have sinned by selfishness, worldliness, unbelief and pride. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not walked humbly with you. Forgive us our sins and blot out our debts according to your tender mercies, according to your loving kindness. Cleanse us by the blood of Jesus your Son. Give us a humble and contrite heart that we might forgive others as you have forgiven us. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Gal. 3:13-14

**Exhortation to Give** – Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:17-20

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 353 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– All Praise to Him

– Holy, Mighty, Worthy

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Genesis 14:17-24 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 7:1-10

Genesis 14:17–24 (ESV)

17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) 19 And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. 21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ 24 I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

Hebrews 7:1–10 (ESV)

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. 4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! 5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. 6 But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. 8 In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. 9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, 10 for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 7:1-10: “Melchizedek: Man of Messianic Mystery”

God introduces Abraham to Melchizedek, a mysterious foreshadowing of the Messiah.

1. He foreshadows the eternal Priest-King, Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 7:1-3)
	1. Christ is our eternal King of Righteousness and King of Peace.
2. He foreshadows the superior mediation of Christ. (Hebrews 7:4-10)
	1. Christ mediates our grateful gifts to God and God’s blessing to us.

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 306 – Jesus, My Great High Priest

**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