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

**for Sunday, October 6th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – His Mercy Is More

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. – 2 Timothy 1:2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 378 – Come Let Us Join in One Accord

**Call to Worship** – But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 420 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

**Reading of Law** – A Summary of the Ten Commandments & Great Commandment

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

**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: There Is a Redeemer)

**Doxology** – NTH 733 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 311 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 110 / NT: Hebrews 7:11-19

Psalm 110 (ESV)

A Psalm of David. 1 The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” 2 The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” 5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. 7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Hebrews 7:11–19 (ESV)

11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. 13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 7:11-19: “A Superior Priest and a Better Hope”

Christ is our superior priest and therefore a better hope.

1. Levi’s prior priesthood is imperfect and temporary. (Hebrews 7:11-12)
2. Christ’s superior priesthood is perfect and eternal. (Hebrews 7:13-17)
3. Levi’s priesthood left us hopeless; Christ’s priesthood brings us a better hope. (Hebrews 7:18-19)

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Hymn** – NTH 378 – Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: Behold the Lamb / Cup: Worthy Is the Lamb)

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

**Closing Psalm** – *Trinity Psalter* Psalm 110

**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