**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, October 13th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

**Gospel Greeting** – To the saints . . . faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:1b-2

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

**Call to Worship** – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. – Colossians 3:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 80 – Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:27-30

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General Confession of Sin** – Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. For you have promised, O Father, that if we confess our sins, you will be faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – by the blood of your Son, Jesus. Restore to us the joy of your salvation by the power of your Holy Spirit. And enable us, by your grace, to walk in the light of your Gospel, and to show fellow sinners the way of repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” Rom. 4:5-8

**Exhortation to Give** – “…Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” – Acts 20:35b

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 703 – Loved with Everlasting Love)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 465 – Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

– NTH 460 – Amazing Grace

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Numbers 20:22-29 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 7:20-25

Numbers 20:22–29 (ESV)

22 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor. 23 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom, 24 “Let Aaron be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land that I have given to the people of Israel, because you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor. 26 And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered to his people and shall die there.” 27 Moses did as the LORD commanded. And they went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had perished, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

Hebrews 7:20–25 (ESV)

20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’ ” 22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 7:20-25: “Christ the Omnicompetent Priest”

Christ’s omnicompetent priesthood is secured by God’s oath – and that’s good news for us:

1. Because He is our surety of a better covenant. (Hebrews 7:20-22)
2. Because He is our perpetual priest. (Hebrews 7:23-24)
3. Because He is omnicompetent to save us to the uttermost. (Hebrews 7:25)

**Prayer of Application**

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

**Benediction** – Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21