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

**for Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Reformation Hymn

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:2-3

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 1 – All People that on Earth Do Dwell

**Call to Worship** – Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:19-23

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 92 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**Psalm of Confession** – NTH 486 – God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

**Declaration of Pardon** – Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Rom. 8:33-34

**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: NTH 299 – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious)

**Doxology** – NTH 731 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 252 – Not All the Blood of Beasts

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Exodus 25:1-9 / NT: Hebrews 8:1-6

Exodus 25:1–9 (ESV)

1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. 3 And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, 4 blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats’ hair, 5 tanned rams’ skins, goatskins, acacia wood, 6 oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, 7 onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. 8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. 9 Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Hebrews 8:1–6 (ESV)

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 8:1-6: “Jesus: High Priest of a Better Covenant”

The main point of this sermon-letter: We have a superior High Priest in Jesus.

1. His better ministry is in a better sanctuary in a better location. (Hebrews 8:1-2)
2. His better sacrifice was completed in that better sanctuary. (Hebrews 8:3-5)
3. His better covenant is founded on better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 242 – What Wondrous Love Is This / Cup: NTH 499 – Rock of Ages)

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

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 301 – Join All the Glorious Names

**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