**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, November 10th, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Christ Our Wisdom

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . with all the saints . . . Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – NTH 7 – From All That Dwell below the Skies (from Psalm 117)

**Call to Worship** – I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Ps. 121:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 16 – Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 98)

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 22:34-40

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General Confession of Sin** – Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mt. 11:28-29

**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 675 – Only Trust Him)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 703 – Loved with an Everlasting Love

– The Steadfast Love of the Lord

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-37 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 8:6-13

Jeremiah 31:31–37 (ESV)

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” 35 Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is his name: 36 “If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.” 37 Thus says the Lord: “If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the Lord.”

Hebrews 8:6–13 (ESV)

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. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. 8 For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” 13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 8:6-13: “A New and Better Covenant”

Christ mediates the new and better covenant we need as sinners:

1. The need for the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:6-8a)
2. The prophecy of the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:8b-9)
3. The promises of the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:10-12)
4. The obsolescence of the old covenant. (Hebrews 8:13)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 521 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**Benediction** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13