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

**for Sunday, January 5th, 2025 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – Behold Our God

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:3

**Call to Worship Hymn** – God of the Ages

**Call to Worship** – Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – Hebrews 12:2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 598 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

*(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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24

**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: Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming)

**Doxology** – NTH 733 – Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– My Jesus Fair

– Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 53:10-12 / NT: Hebrews 9:23-28

Isaiah 53:10–12 (ESV)

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 9:23–28 (ESV)

23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 9:23-28: “The Bloody Crux of History”

Christ’s blood provides a once-for-all salvation.

1. His blood purifies us for the heavenly sanctuary. (Hebrews 9:23-24)
2. His blood puts away our sin once-for-all. (Hebrews 9:25-26)
3. His blood promises our final salvation – for which we eagerly wait. (Hebrews 9:27-28)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 648 – My Jesus, I Love Thee / Cup: NTH 501 – Just as I Am)

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

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

**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