**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, January 12th, 2025, at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – All Praise to Him

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

**Call to Worship Song** – Ascribe to the Lord, O Mighty One

**Call to Worship** – Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:6-7

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 455 – And Can It Be?

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General 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.

**Assurance 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** – Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn Medley**

– NTH 535 – O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

– NTH 638 – Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6 / NT Lesson: Galatians 2:17-21

Jeremiah 23:1–6 (ESV)

1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. 3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. 5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Galatians 2:17–21 (ESV)

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Galatians 2:19-21: “The Son of God Who Loved Me”

The Son of God loved us and gave Himself for us. And so, we live the Christian life by:

1. Dying to live. (Galatians 2:19-20a)
2. Living by faith. (Galatians 2:20b)
3. Affirming the grace of God. (Galatians 2:21)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 168 – I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

**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