**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, February 16th, 2025, at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – O How Good It Is

**Gospel Greeting** – To all the saints in Christ Jesus . . . with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – TPH 100A – Shout to the Lord, All Earth

**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 305 – Arise, My Soul, Arise

**Reading of the Law** – Exodus 20:1-17

*(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** – Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

**Exhortation to Give** – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. – 2 Cor. 8:9

**Collection with Prayer** – Offertory: NTH 655 – O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I

**Doxology** – NTH 733

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Let It Be Said of Us

– Christ My Hope in Life and Death

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Ezekiel 36:22-32 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 10:15-25

Ezekiel 36:22–32 (ESV)

22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. 30 I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

Hebrews 10:15–25 (ESV)

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” 17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 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. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 10:19-25: “Christ the New and Living Way”

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Because Christ has opened to us a new and living way to God by His body and blood:

1. Let us draw near to God and commune with Him by faith. (Hebrews 10:19-22)
2. Let us assemble for worship and encourage one another – in light of Christ’s soon return. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – *Trinity Psalter* Psalm 122 (see below)

**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

***Trinity Psalter* Psalm 122**

I was glad to hear them saying,

“To the LORD’S house let us go.”

For our feet will soon be standing

In your gates, Jerusalem,

Salem, well constructed city;

There assemble all the tribes,

Tribes that are Jehovah’s own.

This the ordinance for Isr’el,

Here to thank Jehovah’s name.

There are set the thrones of judgment;

There is David’s house enthroned.

Pray then for the peace of Salem;

May they prosper who love you.

Be there peace within your walls.

In your palaces be safety.

For the sake of brothers all,

For the sake of my companions,

I am saying, “Peace to you!”

For Jehovah’s house within you,

Temple of the LORD our God,

I will ever seek your good.

(Tune: NTH 598 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)