**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – NTH 71 – Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now

**Gospel Greeting** – To those who are elect . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. 1 Peter 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 73 – Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

**Call to Worship** – Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:1-2

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 95 – Though Troubles Assail Us

**Reading of the Law** – Galatians 5:19-21

*(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.

**Assurance of Pardon** – But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:5-6

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

**Collection with Prayer** – Offertory: NTH 581 – Fight the Good Fight

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– Jesus, Strong and Kind

– Lord, I Need You

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Deuteronomy 17:2-7 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 10:24-35

Deuteronomy 17:2–7 (ESV)

2 “If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden, 4 and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, 5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones. 6 On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. 7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Hebrews 10:24–35 (ESV)

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. 26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. 32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 10:26-35: “A Law Warning and Gospel Reassurance”

Christ rejected assures God’s wrath; Christ received assures God’s reward.

1. The sobering warning of wrath (Hebrews 10:26-31).
2. The strengthening promise of reward (Hebrews 10:32-35).

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 707 – Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

**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