**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**Opening Song** – Holy, Mighty, Worthy

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:2-3

**Call to Worship Song** – Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord

**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**

**Medley of Praise**

– Only a Holy God

– NTH 100 – Holy, Holy, Holy

**Reading of the Law** – Titus 3:1-3

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General Confession of Sin** – Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your great mercy, you sent your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting righteousness. Grant us true repentance that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by faith in Your life-giving Gospel. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may be ever thankful and live a faithful and godly life in your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. – Titus 3:4-7

**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 720 – Happy the Home When God Is There)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 719 – A Christian Home

**Scripture Readings** – OT Lesson: Genesis 6:5-22 / NT Lesson: Hebrews 11:4-7

Genesis 6:5–22 (ESV)

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. 21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Hebrews 11:1–7 (ESV)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 11:6-7: “That Old-Time Gospel Religion” (part 2 of 2)

By faith in God’s Gospel-promise in Christ:

1. God is well pleased and richly rewards us with Himself. (Hebrews 11:6)
	1. What reward are you seeking for your faith?
2. Noah was justified and his family was saved. (Hebrews 11:7)
	1. Is the Gospel you believe big enough to include your family?

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – Psalm 127 (tune: NTH 254 – Alas and Did My Savior Bleed; see below)

**Benediction** – And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12-13

**Psalm 127**

Unless the LORD builds up the house,

its builders toil in vain;

Unless he keeps the city safe,

they vainly watch maintain.

In vain you rise before the dawn

and late hours vainly keep

that you may toil for food to eat –

he gives his loved ones sleep.

Sons are a precious heritage,

a blessing from the LORD;

The children that are born to us

are truly his reward.

Like arrows in a warrior’s hand

are children of one’s youth.

The man whose quiver’s full of them

is blessed by God in truth.

Such men will not be put to shame –

that will not be their fate –

When they contend against their foes

Who face them in the gate.

Tune: NTH 254 – Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

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