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

**for Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at 10:45 AM**

***Membership Vows of Stephen and Jocelyn Maloney***

**Prelude**

**Opening Song** – But for the Cross of Christ

**Gospel Greeting** – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – Ascribe to the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! Psalm 65:4

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 299 – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**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** – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

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**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 – NTH 392 – O Day of Rest and Gladness)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 496 – King and Merciful God We Have Sinned

– Thank You for Your Mercy

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Genesis 18:1-15 / NT: Hebrews 11:8-16

Genesis 18:1–15 (ESV)

1 And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” 10 The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” 13 The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

Hebrews 11:8–16 (ESV)

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 11:11-16: “Trusting God’s (Eternal) Timing”

God’s Gospel promises in Christ are fulfilled in His time – and are worth waiting for.

1. Faith waits on God’s promise. (Hebrews 11:11-12)
2. Faith looks forward to a heavenly homeland. (Hebrews 11:13-16)

**Prayer of Application**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 499 – Rock of Ages / NTH 423 – According to Thy Gracious Word)

* 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