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

**for Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at 10:45 AM**

**Rev. George Cottenden**

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

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church . . . in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 Gloria Patri

**Call to Worship** – Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. - Psalm 98:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 12 – Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

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

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly… But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:6, 8

**Exhortation to Give** – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. - Heb. 13:16

**Offering and Diaconal Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: Keep the Feast)

**Doxology** – **NTH 731**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Preparation -** My Jesus Fair

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 53:1-12 / NT: II Corinthians 5:11-6:2

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Communion Sermon** – An Exposition of II Corinthains 5:21: “Christ In Our Place”

1. God put Christ in our place as Sin-Bearer
2. God put Christ in our place as Law-Keeper

**Prayer of Application**

**Communion Hymn of Preparation** – NTH 429 – Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

(Bread: NTH 378-Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face Cup: NTH 427-Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands)

* Invitation, Warning, and Prayer of Consecration
* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1
* Serving the Supper
* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Hymn** – NTH 520-Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**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