**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM**

***Mark Maloney, Jr. exhorting***

**Opening Song** – NTH 660 - O God Beyond All Praising

**Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship Hymn** –Stand Up and Bless the Lord

**Call to Worship** – Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 116 - For the Beauty of the Earth

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

(Silent Confession of Sin)

**Corporate 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.

**Declaration of Pardon** – All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 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 he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

**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 98 Now Thank We All Our God)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley** –Let the Cross Be Our Glory **/** NTH 585-Take My Life, and Let it Be

**Scripture Readings** – OT Reading - Leviticus 20:22-26 / NT Reading - Romans 12:1-2

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – A Life of Devotion to God (Romans 12:1)

God’s mercy to us in the Gospel summons us to new life: a life of devotion to God as restored priests before him.

1. God’s mercy summons us to new life.
2. God’s mercy calls us to devote our entire lives to him.
3. God’s mercy restores us to proper worship and service to God as his royal priests.

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 644 - May the Mind of Christ My Savior

**Closing Prayer**