



LIVING HOPE

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....”

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

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The Lord's Day, May 16, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation	Colossians 1:2b
Call to Worship	Psalm 104:31-33
*Hymn	"O Worship the King" no. 219 (insert)
*Invocation	Psalm 124:8

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance	Colossians 3:16-17
Congregational Confession of Sin	(insert)
Assurance of Pardon	Colossians 1:12-14
*Psalm	"Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path" no. 119N (insert)

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading	Zechariah 1:1-17 (insert)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer	(insert)
*Hymn	"Break Thou the Bread of Life" no. 273 (insert)
*The Apostles' Creed	(insert)
Collection & Prayer	2 Corinthians 9:8-9

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading	Mark 1:40-2:12 (insert)
Prayer for Illumination	Isaiah 40:8
Sermon	THE SEARCH FOR FORGIVENESS Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Closing Prayer

*Hymn	"My Jesus, I Love Thee" no. 496 (insert)
*Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

O Worship the King

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1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104
Robert Grant, 1833
Mod.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.
Michael Haydn, 1737-1806
Arr. in William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Congregational Confession of Sins

GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY:

We acknowledge and confess to you
our many, many sins.

We have not only disobeyed you.

We have also failed to stir up one another
to love and good works.

And we have failed to encourage one another
to greater fidelity in the sacred assembly.

We have been neglectful toward you
and toward each other.

Forgive us these grievous sins
through the shed blood of your Son,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

And help us to live as children of the light.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

119N Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

1. ¹⁰⁵Your word sheds light up - on my path; a shin - ing
 2. ¹⁰⁷Se - vere af - flic - tion, LORD, is mine; send help ac -
 3. ¹⁰⁹In con - stant dan - ger is my life, your righ - teous
 4. ¹¹¹Your pre - cepts are my her - i - tage; they dai - ly

lamp, it guides my feet; ¹⁰⁶your righ - teous judg - ments
 cord - ing to your word. ¹⁰⁸Ac - cept my sac - ri -
 law I'll not for - get. ¹¹⁰I have not from your
 make my heart re - joice. ¹¹²To keep your stat - utes

to ob - serve, my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
 fice of praise and make me know your judg - ments, LORD.
 pre - cepts strayed, de - spite the snares the wick - ed set.
 faith - ful - ly shall ev - er be my will - ing choice.

The Psalter, 1912; alt.; mod.

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 Robert Schumann, 1839
 Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 2009
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Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:1-17

¹In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, ²“The LORD was very angry with your fathers. ³Therefore say to them, Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. ⁵Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, ‘As the LORD of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.’”

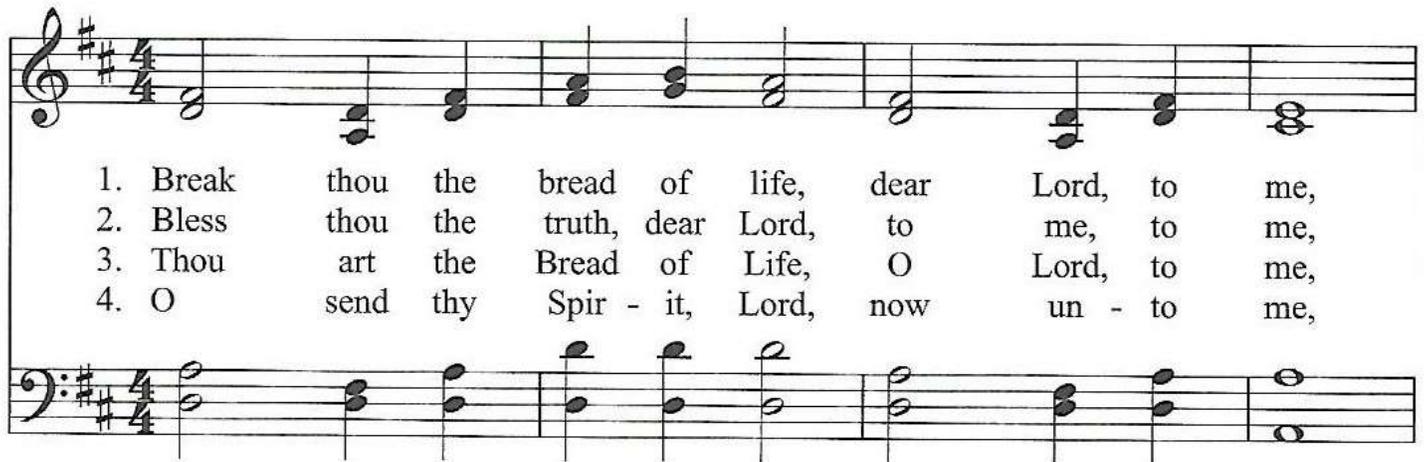
⁷On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, ⁸“I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. ⁹Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ ¹⁰So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ ¹¹And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’ ¹²Then the angel of the LORD

said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’ ¹³And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. ¹⁴So the angel who talked with me said to me, ‘Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. ¹⁵And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster. ¹⁶Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.’”

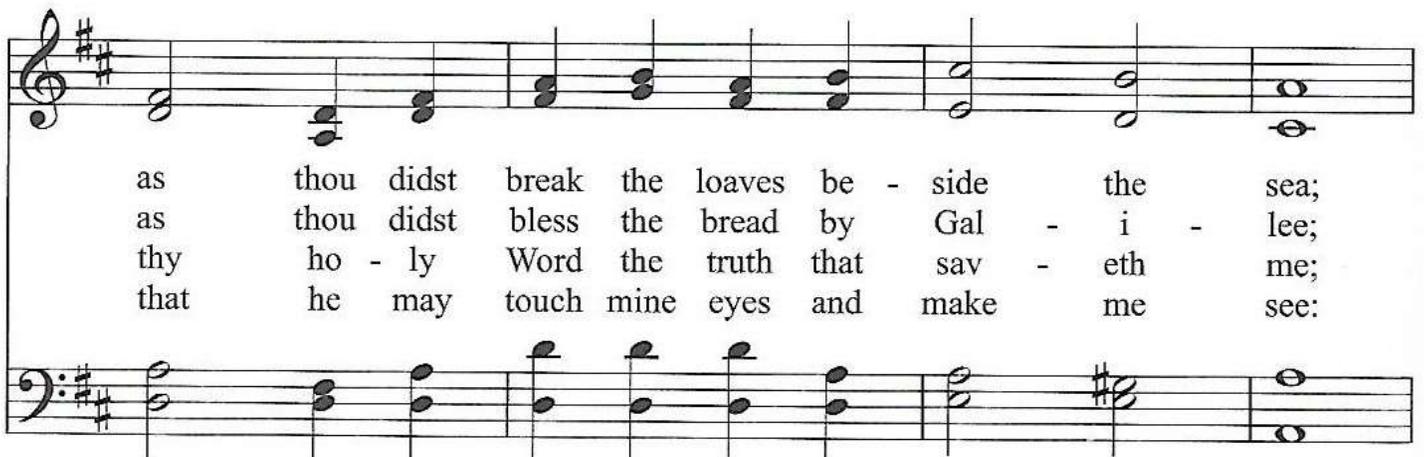
The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. **AMEN.**

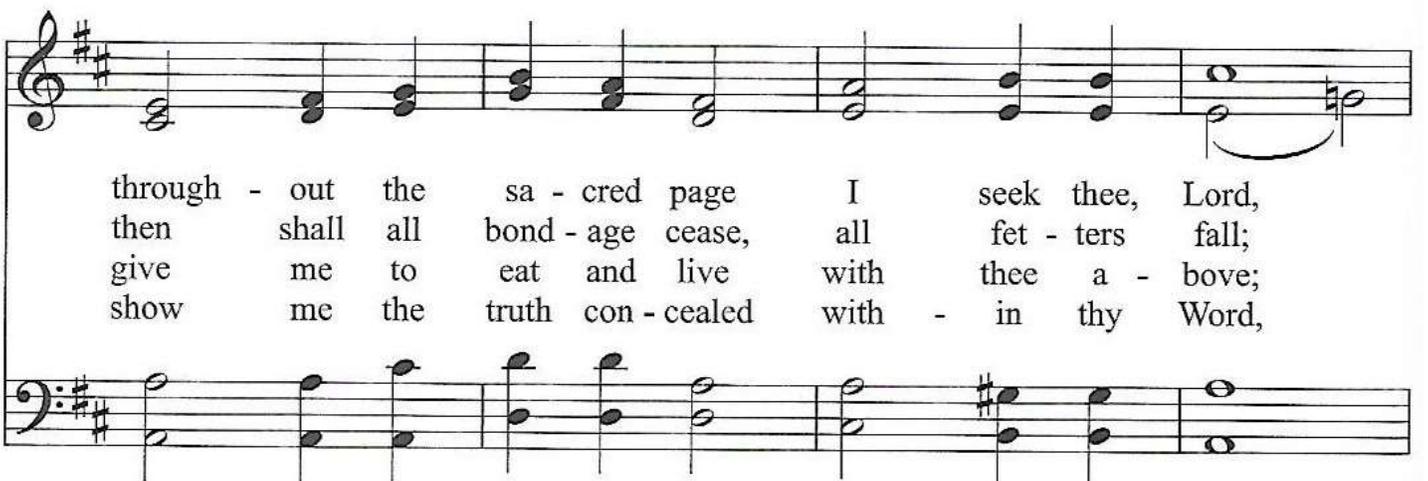
Break Thou the Bread of Life



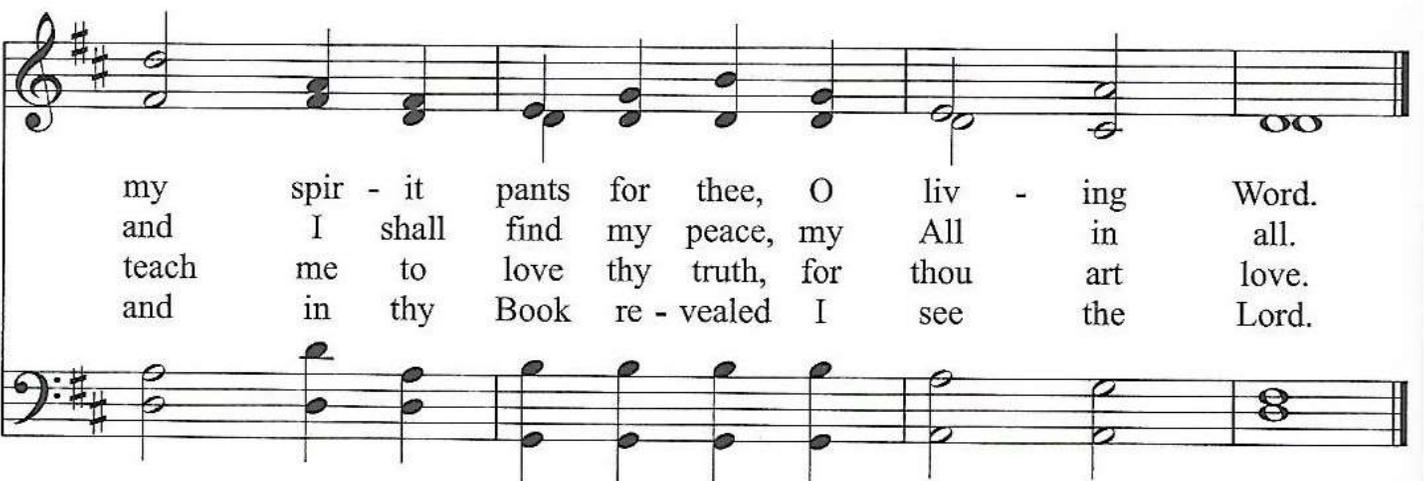
1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
 4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,



as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
 as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;
 thy ho - ly Word the truth that sav - eth me;
 that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:



through - out the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord,
 then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 give me to eat and live with thee a - bove;
 show me the truth con - cealed with - in thy Word,



my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
 and I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 and in thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord.

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come
to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:40-2:12

⁴⁰And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” ⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁴⁵But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

2:1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

	9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.			
	GREETERS	USHERS	GREETERS	USHERS	NURSERY	
May 16	The K. Browns	K. Brown; T. Johnston	The Johnssons	J. Johnsson; B. Rigg	Jill	Naomi
May 23	Barb VM	D. Forbeck; R. Lang	The Riggs	B. Rigg; D. Lott	Tracy	Betsy
May 30	The Johnstons	T. Johnston; J. Johnsson	R&R Brown	D. Lott; K. Brown	Laurel	Zeddie

Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a Reformed & Presbyterian congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Questions? Call the church office at (717) 334-7157 or contact Pastor Van Meerbeke (vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org; (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Siggins (siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org; (814) 933-6321).

Home Group Survey—We're excited to be starting up our home group ministry again this fall! If you are interested in being part of a home group, please take the survey in the Living Hope Weekly newsletter to let us know your availability, to help us with planning.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, June 12, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and prayer.

Women's Bible Study meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:30 am at the church. We are studying *When You Pray* by Philip Ryken. Please come as you are able.

We are committed to serving you in any way we can during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for pastoral care or diaconal assistance!

If you wish to give your tithe and offering online, instead of in-person, you can find the link in the Living Hope Weekly email.



Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a member congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) organized in 1983. Our purpose is to glorify God in divine worship, gospel witness, and mutual edification. The OPC is a member of NAPARC, the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, whose member denominations agree on many matters related to the Bible, creeds, and church polity.

We regularly confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Our faith is best described in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

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Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service of Worship	9:00 am 11:00 am
Women's Bible Study	1 st & 3 rd Thu., 10:30 am
Men's Breakfast	Second Sat., 9-10 am
Session	Second Thurs., 7 pm.