

*Pastor's Charge to the Congregation: Go now to love and serve the Lord.

*Moment of Silent Reflection

*Postlude *Presto* from "Sonata in A minor" C. P. E. Bach

*Everyone able, please stand.

†Latecomers seated.

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Chris Fluit

Organist: Cacie Willhoft

Liturgist: Judy Huussen

Soloist: Kathy Quinn

Drummer: Henok Ghebrewoldi

Children's Message: Susan Gilbert-Collins

Celebration Ringers and Singers

Directors: Susan Walsh and Kathy Quinn

Sign Interpreter: Kathleen Holcombe

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***Worship Note:***

The *Ascension Litany of Praise* is adapted from Reformed Worship 83 and from Sing! A New Creation #28. Other passages referred to in the morning's message include: Nehemiah 9:6, Deuteronomy 10:14, Psalm 139:8, 1 Kings 8:27, Exodus 24:10, Revelation 21:11, 18, 22:1, Hebrews 8:5, 9:24, Revelation 22:3, Hebrews 12:22, Matthew 22:2, John 10:10, John 16:22, Colossians 2:16 and Ephesians 2:10.

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Easter Banners

On Easter we celebrate Christ's resurrection, the keystone of Christianity.

The white depicts the cleansing of sin and the greatness of God.

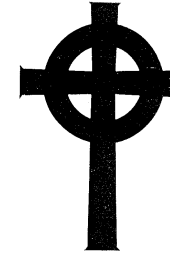
The green represents our new life in Christ.

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**MORNING ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 16, 2010 - 10:30 A.M.**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

*We extend a warm welcome to you if you are visiting today.*

*Our service proceeds unannounced as printed in this folder.*

*(**Bold** type indicates congregational speaking and italics denote congregational singing.)*

*We invite you to sign the Welcome Folder as it is passed during the offertory  
and to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Prelude *Fantasia & Adagio* from "Sonata in A minor" C. P. E. Bach

**OPENING OF WORSHIP**

Choral Call to Worship "You Are Holy" Imboden and Rhoton

You are holy, you are mighty, you are worthy, worthy of praise.

I will follow, I will listen, I will love you all of my days.

You are Lord of lords, you are King of kings,  
you're the mighty God, Lord of everything.

You're Emmanuel, you're the Great I AM,  
you're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.

You're the living God, you're my saving grace,  
you will reign forever, you're the Ancient of Days.

You are Alpha, Omega, beginning and end;  
you're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and friend.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

†\*Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* No. 406  
(gray hymnal)

\*God's Greeting, affirmed by congregational "Amen"

\*Mutual Greetings

†\*Song *We Will Glorify* Sing! # 21  
(green hymnal)

## CELEBRATING ASCENSION SUNDAY

Scripture Reading: Christ's Ascension (Luke 24:50 - 53)

Ascension Litany of Praise

Leader: Our God goes up with shouts of joy!  
Our Lord ascends to the sound of trumpets!  
Soloist:



**ALL sing: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!**

Leader: The Almighty rides in triumph and leads captivity captive.  
The hosts of heaven sing the honor of his name; they praise him with an endless alleluia.  
Soloist: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!

**ALL sing: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!**

Leader: The Lord has brought down death itself and has wiped away the stain of sin.  
The Lord has trodden the winepress of suffering; he has paid the price to rescue the lost.  
Now he returns to his throne of glory; the hour has come for him to reclaim his crown.

Soloist: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!

**ALL sing: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Prince of Life, now reigns in heaven with the Father,  
ruling in the congregation of the righteous.  
Ascended Lord, how can we honor you enough?  
Ascended Lord, how can we rightly praise the victory you have won?  
Prepare us for that welcome day when we shall behold you in all your majesty.

**ALL say: Prepare us for that welcome day  
when we shall stand before you and rejoice forever.**

Soloist: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!

**ALL sing: Praise, praise, praise our King! Praise the Lord, our King. Alleluia!**

\*Ascension Hymn                      *See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*                      No. 414  
(gray hymnal)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer with the Children

Dismissal of the Children (3 year olds - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Hymn                      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*                      No. 388  
(gray hymnal)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 14:1 - 5                      (pg. 877)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Proclamation                      *Where Are We Going and What Will We Do There?*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn                      *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*                      No. 409  
(gray hymnal)

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Litany: from Matthew 28:20b

Minister: As he was about to leave his disciples and ascend into heaven,  
Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**ALL: In the peace and joy of Christ's promised presence with us,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the Lord.**

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Offertory                      "Praise to the Lord"                      arr. McChesney  
(*Please sign and pass Welcome Folders.*)

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*Closing Hymn                      *By the Sea of Crystal*                      No. 620  
(gray hymnal)

\*God's Blessing, affirmed by congregational "Amen"

\*Choral Blessing                      "Blessing"                      K. Moran Bart

May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
Until we meet again, my friend, until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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