

## MORNING WORSHIP

February 14, 2010

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor: *"The Lord is risen!"*

People: *"He is risen indeed!"*

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1, 5-6

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with cries of joy!

**People: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

Leader: Sing praises to God,

**People: Sing praises!**

Leader: Sing praises to our King,

**People: Sing praises!**

\*Hymn of Adoration # 302

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Faith

*The Heidelberg Catechism, 49 & 52*  
(See insert)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:1-12

Call to Confession

James 4:8-10

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Confession of Sins

*Psalm 90, vs. 1-4, 6-7 (Trinity Psalter)*

Assurance of Pardon

John 6:37-40

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Call to Prayer

Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25

Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

\*Our Response to God's Goodness

*What Shall I Render to My God, Hymn # 637, vs. 1, 3, 5*

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

*Ready for Your Wedding Day: The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

\*Hymn of Response # 469 *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

\*Benediction

Revelation 19:6-9

\*Postlude

**Greeters: Rob and Betsy Allyn**

**Nursery: Madeleine Allen and Amy Duckworth**

**Our Missionaries This Week:**

Ross and Jenny Dixon, Avery  
Reformed University Fellowship  
University of Missouri, Columbia

**Mark Your Calendar:**

**Feb 14** – Worship at New Haven Care Center, 2:30 p.m.

**Feb 17** – Good News Club at Campbellton, 2:30 p.m.

**Feb 17** – Women’s Monthly Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Feb 18** – Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Feb 21** – Lord’s Supper at Morning Worship

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Ladies’ Bible Study* – The ladies will meet on Wednesday, Feb 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the church for their monthly gathering. A new study is beginning in March. Contact Joan Schmidt by Sunday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to order your new study book.

*Session Meeting* – The elders will have their monthly meeting this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please let any of the elders know if you have items for their consideration.

*Lord’s Supper* – Next Sunday, Feb 21, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper together in morning worship. Prayerfully prepare your heart throughout the week to partake of this means of the Lord’s grace to us.

*Haiti Relief* – If you would like to help financially with the disaster relief in Haiti, you may place your contribution in the Deacon’s Box. All contributions through the end of March will be sent to MTW’s (Mission to the World) disaster relief fund and will go directly to help the victims of the disaster and to relief workers and missionaries. If you would like to contribute directly you can go to the website (<http://www2.mtw.org/home/site/templates/splash.asp>)

to donate online, or you can send contributions to Mission to the World, P.O. Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284 (indicate “Haiti Relief” on the tag line of your check).

*Potential Haiti Relief Trip* – Churches and relief agencies are being told that highly skilled personnel (medical, engineering/construction) are needed in Haiti at this time for the relief effort, but that lesser skilled teams should be able to participate in about two months. A member of Grace PCA in St Charles is coordinating interest for teams in going to Haiti. If you’re interested in going with one of these teams, please contact Pastor John. There are things you can be doing now such as procuring a passport and recommended vaccinations. More information will be made available as it comes.

**How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?**

First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

**How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?**

In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All his enemies and mine he will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all his chosen ones he will take along with into the glory of heaven.