

MORNING WORSHIP

March 10, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Prelude

Greeting

APPROACHING GOD

(Lord, may your holy name be praised in all the earth!)

*Call to Worship *(In the bulletin)* **Colossians 1:15-22**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #270**
At the Name of Jesus

*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism - Q 46, 49**

Q 46: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven?”

Answer: *That Christ, while his disciples watched,
was lifted up from the earth to heaven
and will be there for our good
until he comes again
to judge the living and the dead.*

Q 49: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

Answer: *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,*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

(Lord, forgive us our sins according to your steadfast love.)

God’s Standard of Righteousness (p. 1096) **Luke 6:22-23, 26**

Prayer of Confession

God’s Grace in Christ **James 4:6-10**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #172**
Speak, O Lord

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

(Lord, teach us your Word, that we may walk in your truth.)

Sermon Text (p. 1163) **Acts 6:8 – 7:60**

Sermon “STEPHEN’S LIFE AND DEATH”

RESPONDING TO GOD

(Lord, we gladly give you our praise, our gifts, and our lives.)

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn of Response **Trinity Psalter #508**
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Prayer of Intercession

COMMUNING WITH CHRIST

(Lord, form Christ in us so that we would reflect your glory.)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Closing Hymn **Trinity Psalter #570**
Doxology

*Benediction

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS: *It is a joy to have you join us in fulfilling man’s highest calling, namely the worship of our holy God!*

Colossians 1:15-22

(Of Christ, our Lord and Savior)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸**And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰**and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²²**he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.**