**Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church**

**Ascension Day Worship**

**May 21, 2020—7:00 PM**

**Entering God’s Presence**

 Prelude—*Lord Most High*

 Welcome

 Call to Worship: Philippians 2:9-11

 The Lord’s Greeting

 Hymn of Praise— *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**Expressing Our Faith**

 The Ascension Story: Acts 1:1-11

Confession of Faith: Lord’s Day 18; Q&A 46 & 49

 Prayer

 Hymn of Faith— *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

**Listening to the Lord**

 Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14 (page 1194)

 Message:  ***The Lamb Who Took the Scroll***

 Prayer of Application

**Leaving with God’s Peace**

 Hymn of Assurance— *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

 The Lord’s Blessing

 Postlude— *Is He Worthy?*

**Ascension Day Message Outline**

Rev. Ron De Young

**Revelation 5:1-14 The Lamb Who Took the Scroll**

Introduction: Two solid foundations for our living hope

 1. The Almighty God is on the throne (Revelation 4)

 2. Jesus Christ is at his right hand (Revelation 5)

I. The true basis for redemptive history

 A. God holds the scroll with seven seals

 B. The Lamb is worthy to open its seals

 C. A picture of our hope as history unfolds

II. Three realms break out in the worship of the Lamb

 A. The four living creatures and the twenty four elders

 B. The myriad of angels surrounding the throne

 C. Every creature in heaven and earth join to sing

III. The reasons we sing with confidence and hope

 A. The scroll of redemption is being unrolled

 B. Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor and praise

Conclusion: Living with a glorious hope

#### Lord’s Day 18

##### Q & A 46

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

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched,

was taken up from the earth into heaven
and remains there on our behalf
until he comes again

to judge the living and the dead.

##### Q & A 49

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

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven

in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven

as a sure pledge that Christ our head will

also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth

as a corresponding pledge.
By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things
but the things above, where Christ is,

sitting at God’s right hand.