**Morning Order of Worship**

May 6, 2018—9:30 AM

***Ascension Sunday***

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

**There he hears our prayers,  
pleads our cause before the Father,  
and rules the world.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

—based on *Our World Belongs to God*, st. 29

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

HWC #234 vs. 1, 3, 4—*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

APPROACHING THE LORD

We Rejoice in Christ’s Ascension—Lord’s Day 18 (p. 879)

Prayer of Thanks

\*Song of Response

Screen—*Cornerstone*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General Fund

(After the offering, the pianist will play, *Jesus Loves Me*, and the children are then invited forward for the Children in Worship Dismissal)

Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation

Screen—*Behold, Our God*

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 (page 1055)

Message: ***Living Between the “Already” and the “Not Yet”***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

HWC #231 vs. 1, 2, 4—*Jesus Shall Reign*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

Screen—*Messenger Hymn Doxology*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Pianist: Amy Wallenburg

Praise Team: Brenda Molendyk, John Sietsema, Stephanie Walters

*\*Please Stand*