

## *The Lord's Day*

October 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.*

### **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.* **John 1:12, 13 (ESV)**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

### **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:6-9 (ESV)

Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn No. 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Trinity

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

Invocation

### **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 31:15-24 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

<sup>16</sup> **Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!**

<sup>17</sup> O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.

<sup>18</sup> **Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.**

<sup>19</sup> Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

<sup>20</sup> **In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.**

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

<sup>22</sup> **I had said in my alarm, “I am cut off from your sight.” But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.**

<sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

<sup>24</sup> **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-8 (ESV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 74

What is adoption? **Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put upon them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.**

Hymn

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

**We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

*The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:1-7 (ESV)

**4** I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Sermon

"Adopted by the King"

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn No. 525

*A Child of the King*

Binghamton

My Father is rich in houses and lands,  
he holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands!  
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,  
his coffers are full, he has riches untold.

***I'm a child of the King, a child of the King!  
With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.***

My Father's own Son, the Savior of men,  
once wandered on earth as the poorest of them;  
but now he is reigning forever on high,  
and will give me a home in heav'n by and by. [Refrain]

I once was an outcast stranger on earth,  
a sinner by choice, and an alien by birth!  
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,  
an heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown. [Refrain]

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?  
They're building a palace for me over there!  
Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing:  
all glory to God, I'm a child of the King. [Refrain]

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (Hymnal, pg 740)

Danish

Postlude

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**We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham** for providing the music for us this morning.