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In affliction God reveals the unknown corruptions in the hearts of his people: what pride, impatience, unbelief, idolatry, distrust of God, murmuring, and unthankfulness. Sin lies very close and deep and is not easily discerned until the fire of affliction comes. The furnace discovers the dross. In the furnace we see more corruption than was ever suspected. What self-love is there boiling and fretting within me, what pride, distrust in God, creature-confidence, discontent, murmuring, rising against the holy and righteous dispensations of God! Woe is me, what a heart I have! Affliction also brings old sins to remembrance: 'We are guilty concerning our brother' (Gen. 42:21). Twenty years after they had sold him into slavery Joseph's brothers recalled this in their affliction. Suffering times bring sin to mind. In affliction, he empties us of ourselves to make us fly to Jesus Christ for righteousness and strength. He lets us see what is crooked that we may straighten it; what is weak that we may strengthen it; what is lacking that we may supply it; and what is lame that it may not be turned out of the way. Affliction also teaches us to pray. They that have never prayed before, will pray in affliction more frequently and fervently. David was always a praying man, but now under persecution he did nothing else (Psa. 109:4). It is sad to consider that in our peace and tranquility, we pray carelessly by fits and starts, and let every trifle come before prayer. In our affliction, God keeps us upon our knees. Christ himself in agony prayed more intensively (Luke 22:44). So with David (Psa. 22). He gathered up all his strength to pray, and like a true son of Jacob, wrestled with God, and would not let him go until he got the blessing.

– Thomas Case



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

Evangelion (that we call the gospel) is a Greek word; and signifieth good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that maketh a man's heart glad, and maketh him sing, dance and leap for joy: as when David had killed Goliah the giant, came glad tidings unto the Jews, that their fearful and cruel enemy was slain, and they delivered out of all danger: for gladness whereof, they sung, danced and were joyful. In like manner is the Evangelion of God (which we call gospel, and the New Testament) joyful tidings; and, as some say, a good hearing published by the apostles throughout all the world, of Christ the right David; how that he hath fought with sin, with death, and the devil, and overcome them: death, overcome of the devil, are, without their own merits or deservings, loosed, justified, restored to life and saved, brought to liberty and reconciled unto the favour of God, and set at one with him again: which tidings as many as believe laud, praise, and thank God; are glad, sing and dance for joy.

– William Tyndale

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Worship at 10:15 am
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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

Preparation for Worship

*“For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”
Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)*

*Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Chiming of the Hour

Baptism.....Abigail Adcock & Jack Aughtman

*Worship in Music Children’s Choir
Clap Your Hands
Jimmy Owens*

Invocation

*“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for
mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and
made confession, saying, ‘O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps
covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His
commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and
rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.”
Daniel 9:3-5 (ESV)*

**Call to Worship..... Love Lifted Me (page 505)*

**Scripture Reading..... Psalm 39*

Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer

Adoration

*“And all the angels were standing around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell
on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
Revelation 7:11-12 (ESV)*

*Hymn..... God of Our Fathers (page 573)
How Deep the Father’s Love (page insert)

**Scripture Reading..... Romans 14:1-12*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Exposition

*“He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed
all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching
about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”
Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)*

Pastor Jess Smith..... Romans 14:1-12

Consecration

*“What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the
LORD in the presence of all His people.”
Psalm 116:12-14 (ESV)*

**Hymn of Commitment Lead On, O King Eternal
(page 483)*

Benediction

*“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you
blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God,
our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion,
and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”
Jude 24-25 (ESV)*

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

**Congregation please stand*