

**Prelude: Holy Spirit, Rain Down by Russell Frager**

### Opening Hymn: Wonderful Words of Life

#### Verse 1

Singing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

#### Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

#### Verse 2

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

#### Refrain

#### Verse 3

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctifying forever.

#### Refrain

### Welcome

Jesus says, Look, I am with you always.

### How is Jesus with us?

Look in salvation. **God's mercy delivers us from sin! God's Grace heals us with Love.**

Look in your broken heart and troubled mind. **Jesus confessed our broken hearts and troubled minds: He cried "My God, my God why have you forsaken me."**

Count the ways we are divided by gender, race, power, and class. **The Lord leads us to commit such poor spirits into God's hands.**

Listen to your soul. **The Lord is the voice of patience, kindness, and hope in all things.**

### Special Music: Wish You Were Here (sang by Dennis Ashley)

### Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for fulfilling the Law of Moses with mercy. Thank you for fulfilling the Prophets by preparing Your Communion Table before us in the presence of those who persecute and treat us as enemies. Thank you for righteousness that blesses the cursed.

Deliver us from the temptation of fear, sin, promises, judges, kings, and to be like other nations. Deliver us to heal us. Heal us to bless those who curse us. We ask this in the name of our Savior who suffered, died, and rose to give us Life and it eternally. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Hymn: Precious Name

##### Verse 1

Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.

##### Refrain

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name,  
Precious name,

O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
O how sweet, how sweet!

##### Verse 2

Take the name of Jesus ever,  
as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer.

##### Refrain

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O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
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### Scripture: I Samuel 8: 7-20

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup> As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

<sup>10</sup> Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. <sup>12</sup> Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his group and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He

will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. <sup>15</sup> He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his attendants. <sup>16</sup> Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. <sup>17</sup> He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. <sup>18</sup> When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day," <sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. <sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight out battles."

### Instrumental Meditation: Let Thy Holy Spirit Guide by Kevin G. Pace

Be still. Be still and know. Be still and know I am. Be still and know I am with you...as love, peace, and patience...

### Message

*Sermon Listening points/Notes:*

- **Human will versus God's will**
- **Our Kingdom come, not God's**
- **Humanity keeps peace through power, control, and domination.**

### Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
On the third day he rose for the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Closing Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord

#### Verse 1

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

#### Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the

nearer, nearer,  
cross where thou hast dies. Draw me nearer, nearer  
near-er, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

*Verse 2*

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the  
power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a  
steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

*Refrain*

**Benediction**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Postlude: Spirit of the Living God, Arranged by Olive Huisman**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Holston United Methodist Home for Children**

For 126 years, Methodists and Holston Home have been a team,  
working together to minister to the needs of children, youth, and  
families in the Holston Conference. We will receive a special offering  
NEXT SUNDAY to support this vital ministry. Please be prepared to give  
generously.

**Contact Information**

Anyone that would like to send letters or cards to David Barker can do so  
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*The Cross is where sinners receive God's mercy. Grace is the experience  
of eating with Jesus, sinners, and Tax Collectors. The Blessing is leaving  
the table with a strangely warmed heart and peace beyond  
understanding.*

*The difference between Mercy and Grace? Mercy gave the Prodigal Son  
a second chance. Grace gave him a feast.*

—Max Lucado  
—@RachelWojo

*Abide with your sin long enough to experience the Father's mercy. True  
repentance is the experience of discovering that God never turned away.  
We did!*

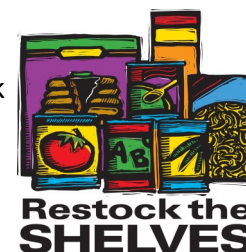
*Holding up a cross, Nancy Toney said, "This is God's plus sign." God  
creates by adding.*

- **God adds mercy to human will.**
- **God's mercy frees us from our neighbors self-righteous judgement.**
- **God adds Love to heal our souls.**

**UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock  
the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack  
Program with a specific kind of food. The food item  
for May is Juice Boxes.

For the months of June and July, Trinity will be  
collecting CASH DONATIONS to purchase bulk items when school starts  
back.



A Human King will claim his rights	Jesus reveals God's Nature, righteousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will take your sons and make them serve him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God gives us Jesus.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will make them commanders of 1000s and 50s.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus makes us sons and daughters of God through His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will make them Plow and reap, and make weapons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus teaches God's children to be Peacemakers who bless people who curse them.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He perfumes sin with God's Mercy. He eats with sinners at God's table of Grace. In breaking the baker's bread, we remember Jesus is with us in our suffering.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will take your best land, vineyards, and orchards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He leads us into the Kingdom of Heaven where God's will is done here on earth. He turns water into wine, there is joy in the Lord. He makes us the Fruit of the Tree of Life.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will take a tenth of everything you own.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He gives us His Spirit as the first fruits of our inheritance—eternal Life.</li> </ul>

**The Trinity Companion**  
**Sunday May 23, 2021**

The LORD said  
to Samuel,  
“... they have not  
rejected you, but

**THEY HAVE  
REJECTED**



from being king  
over them.”

1 SAMUEL 8:7, NRSV

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