

## **Prelude: Holy, Holy, Holy, Arranged by Christi Stills**

### **Opening Hymn: Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus**

#### *Verse 1*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

#### *Verse 2*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

### **Welcome**

Jesus says, <sup>28</sup> “come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

### **Special Music: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken**

#### **Morning Prayer**

Lord, we hear Jesus’ invitation to “find rest for (our) souls.” **We have looked into the Law of Moses and experienced the burden of keeping it.**

**We have looked into the Prophets’ promise of a New Covenant. We are weary of waiting on “rest for (our) souls.**

**We have yoked ourselves to Sadducees, Pharisees, Kings, and the world. Holy Spirit teach us what it meant to “take (your) yoke upon (us) and learn from (you).**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.** <sup>25</sup> **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.** <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what an anyone give in exchange for their soul?

*(Silence: Let your heart and mind reflect on the four parts of being yoked!!!)*

The yoke has four parts.

1. **We burdened our souls every time we attempt to self-right our wrongs.**
2. **Jesus invites us to harness our burdens to His suffering, death, and resurrection.**
3. **Like Jesus, we take up our Cross to witness God’s mercy.**
4. **Jesus bears the Weight of Sin to give us Peace with God, Sin, Self, and Neighbor.**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on**

**earth has been given to me.** <sup>19</sup> **Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** <sup>20</sup> **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Hymn: Here I Am, Lord**

##### *Verse 1*

I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Who shall I send?

##### *Refrain*

Here I am , Lord.  
Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

##### *Verse 2*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

##### *Refrain*

Here I am , Lord.  
Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

#### **Scripture: Matthew 11: 28-30**

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and **learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,** and you will find **rest for your souls.** <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

#### **Instrumental Meditation: Amazing Grace (duet with Calli and Rick)**

Spend this time contemplating what Jesus would have us deny ourselves.

1. Deny our desire to be like Adam and Eve. They tried to save their lives by running, hiding, and fighting God. This kind of Fear causes us to lose our life, not find it.
2. Deny our desire to be like Cain. He tried to save his life by righting his wrongs.
3. Deny our desire to be like Jacob. He tried to save his life with jealousy, envy, and greed.

4. Deny our desire to be like the Israelites, Sadducees, and Pharisees. They tried to save their lives with Traditions, Sacrifices, and Rituals.

#### **Message: The Gift of Peace woven into A Clergy Stole**

1. God is the Great I AM who says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Jesus fulfills Micah’s call to “seek Justice.)
2. Jesus shows us God’s Way is gentle and humble in heart. (Jesus fulfills Micah's call to “love mercy.”)
3. The Holy Spirit is God’s still small voice, saying, “Learn from me.” (Jesus fulfills Micah’s call to “walk humbly with God.”)
4. Those who hear God, come to Jesus, and learn from Holy Spirit are yoked with Christ in His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus’ yoke has four parts. The one bearing the **burden** wears a **harness** that is attached to the **cross bar** which carries the **weight**.

How do we take up our cross? We do unto others as Jesus did unto us on the Cross.

1. Suffering at the hands of people, religious leaders and government Jesus cried, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.” When we deny people, religion, and government, they persecute us. It is merely human to feel forsaken by God when such happens. Jesus, however, blessed the very people who cursed him. He turned to God the Father, as led by the Holy Spirit, and prayed, “Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.”
2. The “they” Jesus prays for is both the one who claims to be right and good, and the one the “Good” judged to be evil. Mercy never guarantees our neighbor will change the way they treat us. Mercy frees the one who denies themselves from their neighbor’s power and control.
3. The death Jesus dies is to sin. God’s mercy set Jesus free from his neighbors’ judgment, condemnation, and punishment. Therefore, Jesus trusts God, praying, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”
4. We each have our own cross to carry. I am to carry mine. I am to walk with you as you carry yours. Christ is always with us all.

#### **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: Only Trust Him**

*Verse 1*

Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's  
mercy with the Lord; and he will surely  
give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

*Refrain*

Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

*Verse 2*

For Jesus shed his precious blood rich  
blessings to bestow; plunge now into the  
crimson flood that washes bright as snow.

*Refrain*

Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

**Benediction**

The stole is a unique harness. Notice its burden is light. All other harnesses go around the neck. This one merely rests upon the shoulders. Such is the weight of Mercy.

Each time you see The Reverend Timothy Robinson wearing a stole, remember. God calls! The Holy Spirit leads, cleanses, and heals! Jesus shows the way to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him! The Bishop ordains and sends pastors to the local church. Amen.

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Postlude: Trinity Song by Sandra McCracken**

**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.

Today is **FIFTH SUNDAY!** We will receive an offering for the ministry of Holston United Methodist Home for Children. What we give will help give children and youth in need an opportunity for a better life, for a good education, and for a chance to become responsible adults. We can help to reunite broken families. We can help children without families to find permanency through adoption or foster homes. Your generous gift is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Financial Letter**

You will remember that we have experienced mechanical problems with our Sanctuary Heating and Air Conditioning System. About two years ago, The Trustees and Administrative Board carefully weighed our options. The Board decided it was in the Church's best interest to limp along on one of the two sanctuary units. Moreover, the Board agreed that, in the long run, replacing both units with new technology will save the church money.

The second sanctuary unit needs a new compressor. It is now time to replace both units and air-handler per the Administrative Board's guidance. The total cost is \$19,500. The great news is that the Finance Committee began raising money when the Administrative Board made its decision.

We also need to replace the downstairs heating and air unit at the parsonage. It does a good job cooling. The unit operates throughout the winter months often using emergency heat. Robert's electric bill for the limited days spent each month in the parsonage runs about \$240 per month. The cost to the Robinson family will be at least twice that amount throughout the winter months. The cost to replace this unit is \$7,260. We plan to replace this unit in the fall as it is efficient when cooling!

Sanctuary HVAC	\$19,500
Parsonage HVAC	<u>\$7,260</u>
Total	\$26,760

Trinity UMC currently has \$12,000 on hand. **We must raise \$14,760.**

Mid Mountain Heating and Cooling maintains our units. They are willing to allow us to make payments. Prior to entering the contract, we ask that you make a cash offering and or pledge a dollar amount to be given by the last of October 2021.

We have moved our Worship Service into the Fellowship Hall until the Sanctuary HVAC system is replaced.

**Further Information**

1. Our General Fund Bank Account balance is approximately \$32,000.
2. The money used to purchase the Copier and Carillon came from the Memorial Fund.
3. Our expenses per month are approximately \$1,000 per month more than the amount given to tithes.

If you have any questions, please call Robert at (423) 863-7622.

# The Trinity Companion

## Sunday May 30, 2021



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