

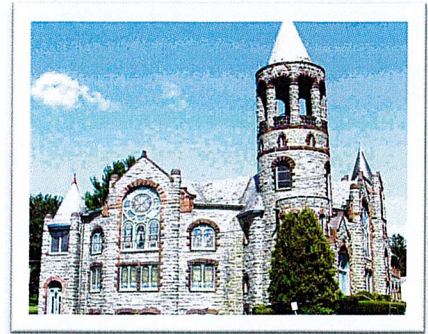
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Biblical, Traditional, Protestant

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

May 5, 2024



“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Matthew 7:13–14, NIV)

REMINDER The **offering plates** remain in the back if you wish to give to the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prelude – “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” – Alec Wyton

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Call to Worship – Philippians 2:1-11

- Leader: Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
- People: Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**
- Leader: Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;
- People: Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.**
- Leader: Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- People: But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.**
- Leader: Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- People: For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.**
- Leader: So that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
- People: And that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

***Hymn #318** (green hymnal) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – "Jesus, The Living Bread" – Joy Sanford

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A Prayer for Our Church (recited in unison)

Father, we praise you and glorify you. Help us to demonstrate our love for you through what we do and say. Draw this body of believers together in love and let us be united in Christ. Where we as a church stray from your ways, we pray that you would correct us so that we will conform to all things to your Word. We ask for the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We pray that you will protect us and guide us. We pray that Your Word will be correctly preached from the pulpit, that each of us will apply it to our lives, and that this church will be transformed according to Your will. We pray that you would protect this church so the schemes of the evil one will not prosper against it. We pray that You will use this church to proclaim the hope that we have in Jesus to this community and the world. O Lord, sustain this church so that many would come to hear the gospel of the kingdom preached and that many would come to true faith in Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offering

Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!

***Presentation of the Offering**

***Doxology #515** (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #253** (green hymnal) "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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Scripture Reading – Daniel 10:10-13

¹⁰ Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³ "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Musical Response

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text – Ephesians – 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, ¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gloria Patri #513 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “The Overcoming Life”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Communion Prayer - (recited in unison)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Text – John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. ⁵ And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #616** (green hymnal) “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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***Benediction**

Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

Musical Response

***Postlude** – Toccata on “O Quanta Qualia ” – Gilbert M. Martin

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Children’s bulletins are available in the Main Street entry hall, located in the brochure holders attached to the wall on your right as you enter.

The two nursery rooms downstairs are clean, sanitized, and available should you need a place to change a diaper, feed your baby, or simply need a quiet place to take your child during the service. There is an audio speaker in the room so the service can be heard.

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Jeff Liskin, Sr.

Fellowship Hosts: Missions

Last Week’s Attendance: 63 total

Last Week’s Offering: \$ 1,522.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Special Event Coming Soon

- **Books, Plants & Bake Sale** – Saturday, June 15th – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – start collecting your books now and you can bring them in and drop them on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. We will also be selling plants during this event. If interested in volunteering for the day, see Sharon Okraska or Kathy Craig for more information.

Christian Education Updates:

- **Children's Sunday:** Look forward to Children's Sunday on June 2nd where our Sunday School students will give a short presentation of what they have learned this year. Following the service, the CE Board will host a church family picnic. All are welcome and encouraged to attend (rehearsal for youth on 5/26 during Sunday School).
- **Youth Group:** On 5/12 there will be a brief meeting right after the service. On 6/23 Picnic at Lone Oak Campground after church. A sign up will be posted soon. Youth Group members may attend and bring one adult family member at no charge. There will be an entrance fee for other family members who wish to attend. Food, prayer and devotional, games, and swimming.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** We greatly appreciate your donations! The theme for the month of May is "personal care items." Ideas: comb or brush, toothbrush, washcloth, reusable utensils, fun adhesive bandages, and many other options.
- **VBS:** See VBS Volunteer Signup Sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have not signed up, please consider joining the VBS team! We welcome any questions (see Bonnie S or John Costa).

Other Announcements:

- **Adult Sunday School Class**—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 am (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)— See Pastor Dan if you would like to attend.
- **Wednesday Bible Study**—We meet every Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 pm (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all
- The Council has voted to rejoin the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army. We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month; however, you can always bring in your items and place them in the purple crates in Fellowship Hall. The next collection date is Sunday, June 2nd.
- The **Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for the second quarter of 2024 is posted on the board in Fellowship Hall. Need help for the 2nd weeks in the summertime replacing Music Committee. Feel free to fill in any open slots available.

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- **The Diaper Bank** is now accepting donations of baby and toddler foods. We have seen an increase in families who are very much helped by these extra items. Non-perishable food donations may be left in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. Please see Kathy Craig if you are interested in helping.

Weekly Events:

Sunday:

9:00-9:50 AM

Sunday School for all ages

Children (downstairs, see John Costa for information)

Adult Sunday School (led by Pastor Dan in the parlor area)

Youth Group for grades 4-6 will meet following worship (11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.) in the basement. The last two meetings will be on May 12th and June 23rd. (More information coming soon)

Missions Meeting – 11:30 a.m. in the parlor area

Wednesday:

7:00-8:15 PM

Bible Study for all (led by Pastor Dan in the Music room)

SCC Online

Church Email: info@sccwinsted.org

Church Webpage: <http://sccwinsted.org>

Church Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sccwinsted

Youtube Channel for Livestream Services: www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ
(Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)

Church Library & Media Center: www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary

Pastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

Hours & Staff

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM

Friday only 8:30 AM-Noon

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Staff:

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Office Hours: Sun. 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Tues. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wed. 6:00-8:15 PM (Other days as required)

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Guide to Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping, Packing, & Tips

Sawvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, personalizing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world! Use this year-round guide to maximize your impact for the Gospel.

YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING

January



Hats, Gloves, & Scarves

February



Fashion Accessories

March



Quality Crafts

April



Stuffed Animals

May



Personal Care Items

June



Quality Toys

July



Clothing

August



School Supplies

September



Games

October



Letter & Photo

November



\$10 Donation Per Shoebox

December



Prayer

"If you start purchasing items for the box in January, by November you have made a nice Christmas box." — Vicki D.

Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.**

(Ex. 20:1–6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4–5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**

(Ps. 119; Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 1Thess. 2:13)
- 3. We believe that God, in His goodness, created only two distinct and complementary genders, male and female, which is defined by one's biological sex at birth. These two genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's created order and the image of God within that person.**

(Gen. 1:26–28,31; 2:2-24; Lev 18:22-23; 20:10-21; Deut 22:5; Is3:12; Rom 1:24-27; 1Cor 6-9; 11:7; 1Tim 2:11-15)
- 4. We believe that man and woman sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that we are all born with a sinful nature that mars God's image in us.**

(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7; 3:1-24; Ezek 13:23; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1-3; James 3:9)
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**

(Is 7:14; Matt 1:18,23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:6-7,40; John 1:14; Phil 2:6-7; Heb 1:2-5; 2:14)
- 6. We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**

(Is 53:4-6; Mark 1:14-15; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 8:3; 1John 4:10; 1Pet 2:24-25)
- 7. We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**

(Luke 24:1-7; John 2:19-21; Acts 1:9; Heb 4:14,10:11-13; Rev 1:17-18)

- 8. We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**
(John 1:12-13; 3:16-18,36; 5:24-29; 10:27-29; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:1,9-12,15-17; 10:9-11; Gal 4:24-29; Eph 1:5; 1John 5:12-13)
- 9. We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**
(Matt 16:18-19; 18:17; John 17; Acts 2:42; 6:1-6; 20:28-32; 1Cor 10:1-14:40; Eph 5:21-32; 1Thes 5:12-13; 1Tim 3:1-16; 5:17-22; Heb 10:25; 1Pet 5:1-4)
- 10. We believe that God created marriage to be a holy and lifelong covenant union, which can only be between one man and one woman who are not closely related, and that the only lawful place for intimate relations is marriage.**
(Gen 2:22-24; Ex 22:16-17; Deut 22:14; Mal 2:16; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:5,21-6:4; Col 3:18-21; 1Tim 1:8-10; Heb 13:4)
- 11. We believe that at The Last Day our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**
(Matt 25:31-46; Rom 8:35-39; 1Thes 4:13-17; Rev 20:12-15, 21-27)

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In that day shall a fountain be opened . . . for sin and uncleanness.

— Zechariah 13:1

Robert Robinson
Jeff Redd, 2nd stanza, alt.

NETTLETON
John Wyeth

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2 *This my glad com-mem-o - ra - tion That 'til now I've safe - ly come;*
3 O to grace how great a debt-or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

1 Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
2 *And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.*
3 Let Thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-dering heart to Thee:

1 Teach me some me - lo-dious son-net, Sung by flaming tongues a-bove; Praise the
2 *Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan-dering from the fold of God; He, to*
3 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love: Here's my

*Alternate ending for
2nd stanza into har-
monization.*

1 mount! I'm fixed up-on it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.
2 *res - cue me from dan-ger, Interposed His pre-cious blood. blood.*
3 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a-bove. A-men.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus

— John 19:25

ST. CHRISTOPHER
Frederick C. Maker

Elizabeth C. Clephane

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand:
2 Up - on that cross of Je - sus My eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;

1 The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,
2 The yer - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;
3 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face,

1 A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
2 And from my smit - ten heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess -
3 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain or loss,

1 From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And the bur - den of the day.
2 The won - ders of His glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
3 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

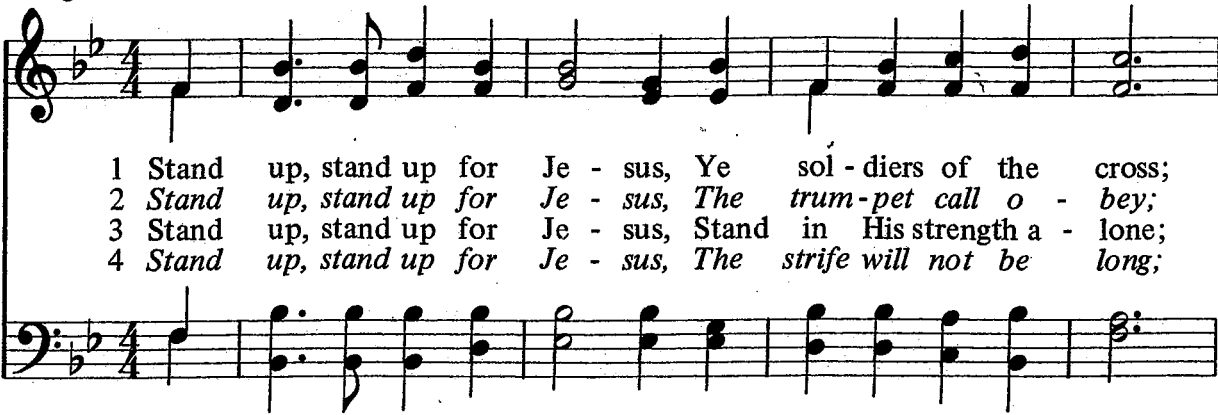
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith. — I Corinthians 16:13

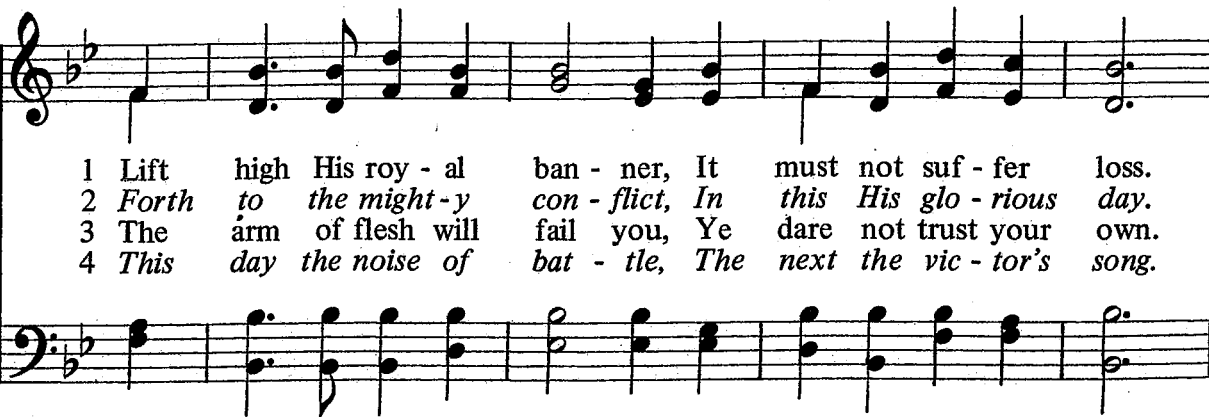
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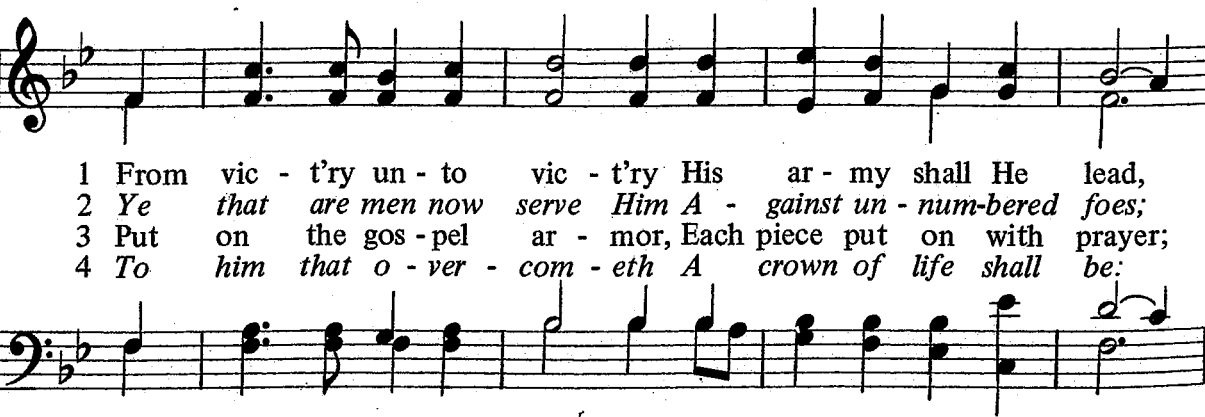
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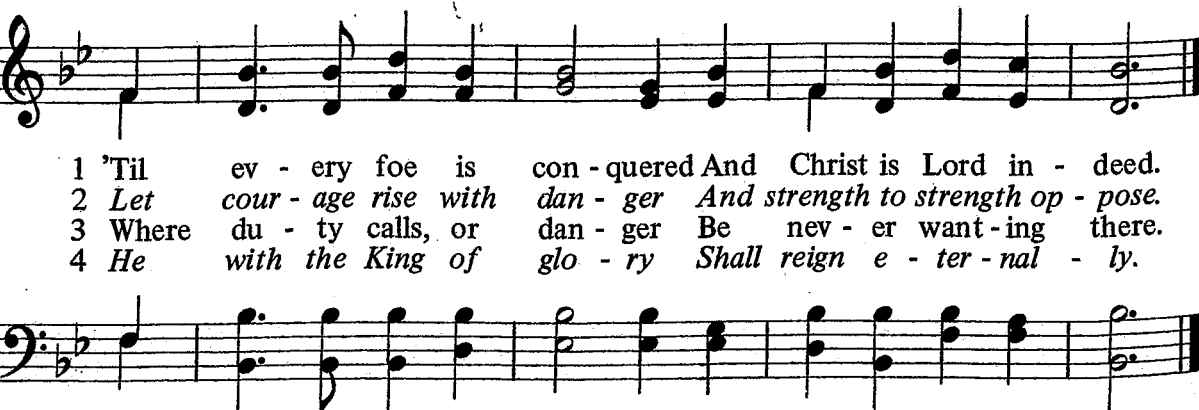
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2 *Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;*
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone;
 4 *Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;*



1 Lift high His roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss.
 2 *Forth to the might - y con - flict, In this His glo - rious day.*
 3 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 4 *This day the noise of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.*



1 From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my shall He lead,
 2 *Ye that are men now serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;*
 3 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put on with prayer;
 4 *To him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be:*



1 'Til ev - ery foe is con - quered And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 2 *Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.*
 3 Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger Be nev - er want - ing there.
 4 *He with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.*