

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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## The Correspondent

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### My Yoke Is Easy

Renn Ferguson

In Matthew 11:28-30 our Lord extended this invitation,

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

First, notice the recipients of this invitation those “who labor and are heavy laden”. In context, this would be those burdened by the Law and especially the traditions imposed on them by the religious leaders of the day. This would also be all those burdened by the weight and guilt of their sin. This is more applicable to us today. For the contentious heart, sin brings with it great grief. Jesus had earlier stated, “blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4) The weight that accompanies sin can destroy one mentally, emotionally, and ultimately spiritual. It is those who experience this that Jesus invites to be with Him. Not the worldly person who has no conscientiousness of sin or the self-righteous who likewise does not feel the weight of his own imperfection.

Second, notice the promise of the invitation, rest. While those who desire to be pleasing to God often experience this burden Jesus promises relief. We do not have to be weighed down by our sin any longer. It is because of this relief that we can have certainty of our standing before God (1 John 5:13) and have confi-

dence going into the day of judgment. We can live a life that is free from the guilt and weariness of sin. That is the promise and comfort of Jesus.

Third, notice the response to this invitation, we must take Jesus’ yoke upon us. Initially this may seem contrary to the promise of relief. Yet it reminds us that though Jesus promises freedom there are certain responsibilities that come with that freedom. We must live for and serve Him all the days of our lives. Another aspect of this response to learn of Jesus. He is to be our master, and we are to be like Him (Matthew 10:25). On this occasion the two qualities that Jesus wants us to learn are His meekness and humility. He is not an overbearing master. That is why He can then say that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. There is nothing that Jesus requires that is too difficult for us to do.

Let us praise God that we serve such a gracious and merciful Master!

**Lads to Leaders  
Convention**  
**Faith Works**  
April 2 to 5, 2026  
Louisville, KY

**Gospel Meeting**  
**Rejoice Always**  
With Jeff Phillips  
April 10 & 11, 7:00 PM  
April 12, 9:30 AM

**Food Giveaway**  
April 25, 2026  
9:00 AM

**I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**John 10:11-18**

- He Lays Down His Life- v. 11-15,17-18
  - ◊ His death was planned- Revelation 13:8, Ephesians 1:3-10, John 10:17, 6:38
  - ◊ He died to save us from the enemy- 1 Peter 5:8, Acts 20:29-30
  - ◊ He can take His life up again- John 19:11
- He Knows and is Known- v. 14-16
  - ◊ He knows those who will obey- Romans 8:29-30, Philippians 4:3, 1Chronicles 28:9
  - ◊ He is known- John 14:15, Matthew 10:32, Romans 1:16
  - ◊ He has one flock- Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 2:11-22
- None can Take His Sheep- v. 27-29
  - ◊ No man or other force can separate us- Romans 8:38-39, Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2
  - ◊ We can separate ourselves- Isaiah 59:1-2, 1 Corinthians ea9:27, Hebrews 2:1-3, 10:26, 2 Peter 2:20-22

**John 10:11-15**

T L C H N C N L C O D E N H P V D C	GOOD
K N O W L S A A N S G L T L G I S S	SHEPHERD
K T M F A I T Y A I R W R S W O S V	GIVES
G N I L E R I H H S W O E R T O O S	LIFE
R L N E S N Y H F H O W D C Y O W E	SHEEP
I C G E E O E D E A S L H N W O N K	HIRELING
I S H S F E V F F R E E I I O A E Y	OWN
L C R S R K T O A A L G E F I L H S	WOLF
C A R E O I O K R N H W A E O G H S	COMING
G T D K W S N H O N F K O E A S T V	LEAVES
O T R S W H C C O E E W K E E H I A	FLEES
O E F O I T O F C F T L E A V E S O	CATCHES
D R E H P E H S E A O S V L F E R H	SCATTERS
E S V G E V E O C T W L G R N P L F	CARE
N E F I R D P T S H N O C E L K L N	KNOW
L R E S C A T C H E S G I V E S A K	KNOWN
W O L F P Y R S L R N O C L E R H R	FATHER
H R I O P O E A L C R L R F S A S O	LAY
L E E W F L E L O P M S D S N W O D	DOWN
S S H E W C I E S R I O C E A O E F	

**Worship Service**

**Announcements**

Song: 866 I Will Call upon the Lord (2x)

Song: 761 Where He Leads, I'll Follow (Vs. 1, 3)

**Prayer**

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

Song: 404 Looking to Thee (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 282 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

**Scripture Reading: John 10:11-15**

**Sermon**

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood? (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Song: 970 Step by Step

**Prayer**

**John 10:11-15 (NKJV)**

- 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- 12 But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.
- 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.
- 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.
- 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**Why Worship?**

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*