

**THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON**  
**Sunday, March 7, 2010** **Morning Worship**  
**Third Sunday in Lent** **8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

Prelude Carol Johnson

Greeting and Announcements (8:15) Joyce Lush  
(11:00) Lori Vigeant

Choral Introit (11:00) Close Your Eyes and See

**\*Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to follow me,  
let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me."

**For whoever wishes to save their life shall lose it;  
but whoever loses their life for Jesus  
and for the gospel shall save it.** (Mark 8: 34-35)

\*Hymn #219 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

\*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

The Reading of Scripture - Lay Readers: 8:15-Susan Abbott;

11:00-Chip Gill

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (page 764 in the pew Bible)

Luke 14:25-35 (page 850)

Response to the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri

\*Hymn #235 (8:15) The Old Rugged Cross  
Anthem (11:00) No Greater Gift

Testimony(11:00) Lisa Olsen

Prayers of the Church (Send off to Haiti!)

Children's Moment (11:00) Ruth Johnson  
(Children in Grades K-3 dismissed to Children's Church)

The Giving of Gifts – GIVE TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S BLESSING: *Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."* *Acts 20:35*

Offertory

\*Doxology: # 48 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

**"At What Cost?"**

Chuck Fray

\*Hymn #402

All the Way, My Savior Leads Me

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

If standing during the singing presents a problem for you,  
please feel free to remain seated.

Welcome to the Covenant Church of Thomaston. If there is any way we can be of service, please do not hesitate to ask. Please join us following the 11:00 a.m. service for a fellowship soup and sandwich luncheon downstairs.

Please remember that **when the usher lights the candles** at 10 minutes before the service begins, it is time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship. Please take advantage of the time following worship for visiting, fellowship and church business.

We welcome to the pulpit this morning Chuck Fray, our Bi-vocational Minister for Community Outreach. Pastor Tim is on the Junior High Winter Retreat weekend at Pilgrim Pines (a group of 20!) and will return this afternoon.

Please consider contributing to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund by putting a donation in the small pew envelope and placing it in the offering.

**Calendar**

Today: *Nursery (infants - age 5) Lucille Maslak, Connor Dunn*

*Children's Church: Joyce Olsen*

5:00 pm CHYG

Mon. 7:00 pm Stitching at O'Connells' – Knitting

Tues. 7:00 pm Prayer for Healing

Wed. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Noon Lenten Luncheon (The Prodigal's Mother) at  
First Congregational Church, Thomaston

Thur. 6:30 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

7:30 pm Choir

Sun. 8:15 am Worship(communion, prayers for healing)  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Speed Choir  
11:00 am Worship(communion, prayers for healing)  
5:00 pm CHYG & D/C

**Sunday School for Two-year-olds** who will be starting Sunday School in the fall of 2010 (when they are 3). Join us for the Elementary Sunday School opening at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Fireplace Room. Following the opening, they are welcome to stay until 10:30 for activities planned specifically for two-year-olds. Children must be accompanied by a parent (for the entire time, 9:30-10:30).

**Quarterly business meeting:** March 14 at noon following 11:00 a.m. worship (no meal).

**“Prayer For Healing” in March** on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. We will offer anointing with oil and the laying on of hands in prayer. This is an opportunity for us to pray for one another, to utilize our gifts of prayer and to invite others to come for prayer. Also, come for a special prayer time for Marty Monroe and Barbara Jansson on March 9, just before they leave for Haiti!

**Sign up to pray** for Marty and Barbara while they are in Haiti. See sign-up sheets on bulletin board on this level and outside the Fellowship Room.

**VBS – WE HAVE A DATE!!!** Vacation Bible School will take place July 12 through 16 in our very own church. Please pencil this into your summer calendar. We will be “traveling” to the rainforest this year on our very own “SonQuest”. Come with us as we follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure!

**WM Website:** To stay connected to all God is doing through Women Ministries across the Covenant and around the world, join *Connecting Women*, the denominational e-newsletter for women. Ministry opportunities, updates, health topics, and even humor will be e-mailed to you four times a year. E-mail [wmc@covchurch.org](mailto:wmc@covchurch.org) with E-hews in the subject line to join.

**Pantry Collection:** The Missions/Evangelism Board is sponsoring a food and monetary collection for the Thomaston Pantry on March 14. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Thomaston Pantry to be used for their Easter distribution. The Sunday School students will bring forward their offerings to the altar during their offering time. Parents, it would be wonderful if you took your children to the grocery store to help pick out their offering. That is where the true lesson of thankfulness and giving will be taught.

**Do you have an interest to serve the wider Covenant Church?** Opportunities are annually available to serve on the Boards of Directors for the East Coast Conference, Pilgrim Pines, New England Seafarers' Mission, Women Ministries, and HR Board. To inquire, go to [www.eastcoastconf.org](http://www.eastcoastconf.org), click on “downloads” and again on the HR Resume Form, or call Beverly Freeman at 860.635.2691 to request one via email or surface mail.

**Financial Assistance for Camp Squanto:** Families in need of help to send their children to Camp Squanto this summer will find Campership applications on the table in the Gathering Room, in the Christian Ed mail slot or from Joyce Olsen (860 283-6801).

**Moving:** Gary and Kathy Gilbert are moving into senior housing and will need help moving their furniture (need strong men plus trucks) on Saturday, March 13. Contact Lori Vigeant (860 283-1170 or [lori\\_a\\_vigeant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori_a_vigeant@sbcglobal.net)).

**Serving in the War:** **Derek Roy** (son of Dan and Valerie Cyr) (Army National Guard in Danbury); **Emily Johnson** (niece of Karen & Chip Gill); **Ben Hotchkiss** (Peter Johnson's cousin) (Iraq); **Lt. Tim McCormick** (nephew of Brad & Marie Skinner) (Afghanistan); **Mark Jones** (son of Arlene Jones) (Iraq); **Sgt. David Famiglietti** (nephew of the Hackerts) (Kandahar, Afghanistan); **Airman Brad Hackert** (Special Operations, Creech AFB, Las Vegas). If you can update this information, please contact the Office Manager.

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Music: Organ: Carol Johnson Piano: Beth Campbell

Choir: Paul Johnson

Youth: Senior High (CHYG) – Lisa Olsen

Junior High – Glenn Hafele

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