

Welcome!

THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

GATHER AND WORSHIP

Prelude (insert)

Welcome and Life Together

Pastor Gary

*Introit (insert)

Rest on Us

*Call to Worship (congregation reads **bold**)

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change

to blow away doubt and alienation!

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship and rejoice! Glory, glory hallelujah!

For God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

*Hymn #736

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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

HEAR THE WORD

Reading the Scriptures:

Gina Whaley

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (page 483 in the pew Bible)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (page 933)

Response to the Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #112 (Congregation sings **bold**)

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.**

Prayers of the Church

Special Music

Sermon

Pastor Gary Freimuth

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*Confession of Faith (bulletin back) (**unison**) Nicene Creed

RESPOND TO THE WORD

Offering: **GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS AND ALL YOUR HEART.**

Offertory Hymn #734

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*Doxology #48 (Congregation sings **bold**)

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

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #277

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

*Benediction

*Postlude”

Tricia Dunn Oporto

If standing during the singing presents a problem for you, please feel free to remain seated. Assistive listening devices are available; please ask someone for assistance if you need one.

Today

9:00 am Sunday School (no D/C)

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Christy Barrett, Savanna Acevedo

This Week

Tue. 6:30 pm Search Committee (Library)

Wed. 6:30 pm Prayer (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm WM Book Club (Morton's Pond)

6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

Fri. 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (light) & Study (Fellowship)

6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House)

Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School (NO D/C)

10:00 am Worship

Camperships

- Applications now available. Contact Mary Butkevich (860 514-4343 or marybutkevich@gmail.com). **Application deadline is this Thursday, June 1.**

Nicene Creed

(appropriate on Pentecost because of its fuller expression of triune faith.)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sunday School

- Sunday School (NO D/C) continues through June 18.

39ers Study

- **Monday mornings** (when Thomaston Schools are in session; no class if kids are off), 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Room.
- We are studying the Gospel of John.

Men's Breakfast and Study

- **Friday mornings**, 8:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Room. *Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul*, by John Eldredge

Prayer

- **Tuesday Night Prayer** is changed to Wednesday Night Prayer until the Search Committee finishes its work.

Banquet of Blessing

- **Need:** fruit cups, peanut butter, toilet paper, tissues.
- **No perishable foods.**
- **Check expire dates.** We can't give away out-of-date food.
- **No canned green beans or mixed vegetables right now.**

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Music: Organ & Piano: Tricia Dunn Oporto Bassoon: Brenda Tousignant

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Junior High – Sarah Morton Trailblazers – John & Jessica Bedosky

Pathfinders – Brenda Tousignant & Linda Lawrence

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Women Ministries

- **WM Book Club** meets this week, Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at Morton's Pond.
- **Graduates' Picnic:** June 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Ann Ryan's (40 Quanopaug Trail, Woodbury) Bring a dish to share. Sign up in the Potter's House.
- **Spring Outing:** June 10, Hill-Stead Museum in Avon, lunch following. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Sign up in the Potter's House.
- **Clean and Organize the Church Library:** Cathy Fredlund (203 841-7239 or cbfredl@optonline.net) is heading this up.

Prelude 2

Pastor Search – Pray for:

- **This church** to retrieve God's purpose for us in this community, which is to tell others about him and his love for them, as it has been revealed to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Trust** in God's timing and plan for the search process. (It seems so long!)

Sermon Notes ()

Rest on Us

(verse 1) As the Spirit was moving over the waters,
Spirit, come move over us.

Come rest on us; come rest on us.

As the Spirit was moving over the waters,
Spirit, come move over us.

Come rest on us; come rest on us.

(chorus) So come down.

Spirit, when you move, you make my heart pound
When you fill the room.

You're here and I know you are moving.

I'm here and I know you will fill me.

Come down.

Spirit, when you move, you make my heart pound
When you fill the room.

You're here and I know you are moving.

I'm here and I know you will fill me.

(long turnaround) (repeat verse 1)

(verse 2) Fire and wind, come and do it again.

Open up the gates; let Heaven on in.

Come rest on us; come rest on us.

Fire and wind, come and do it again.

Open up the gates, let Heaven on in.

Come rest on us; come rest on us. (chorus)

(Interlude)

(bridge) Holy Spirit, come rest on us.

You're all we want; you're all we want.

Holy Spirit, come rest on us.

You're all we want; you're all we want.

Holy Spirit, come rest on us.

You're all we want; you're all we want.

(chorus) (chorus)