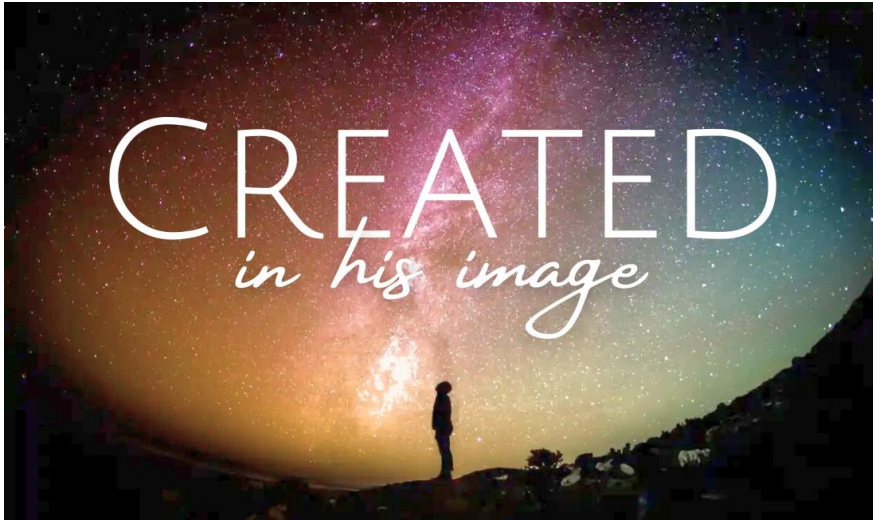


COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

We exist to:
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
Share Life with Each Other
Reach the World in His Name



March 10, 2024
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
1 John 4:7-20
Created: Where Love Resides

PRELUDE 1 Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. *(repeat)*

(chorus) Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. *(chorus)*

(bridge) He is Lord, Lord of all. *(chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
— faultless stand before the throne.

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Prelude 2 Goodness of God

I love you, Lord, for your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, till I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(chorus) All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,

I give you everything.
Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me
(chorus) (bridge) (chorus)

(tag) I will sing of the goodness of God.

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WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

*CALL HYMN #438 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(debts/debtors)

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)
From Psalm 18 Ann Ryan

I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.

I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
and I have been saved from my enemies.

Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing the praises of your name.

He gives his king great victories;
he shows unfailing love to his anointed,
to David and to his descendants forever.

SONG #98 The Steadfast Love

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING – GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS
AND ALL YOUR HEART

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Plans

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

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1 John 4:7-20

(page 991 in the pew Bible)

*SENDING SONG God So Loved
(chorus) For God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son,
Whosoever believes will not perish.
They shall have eternal life.

I shall hold to the cross.
I shall hold to God alone,
For his love has salvaged me,
For his love has set me free. (chorus)

I shall wait upon the Lord.
I shall wait upon his word,
By his grace I am released,
By his grace I am redeemed. (chorus)

Instrumental

(bridge) By his precious blood
I have been set free,
For the glory of Jesus' name.
I surrender all now to Christ the Lord.
In Jesus I am saved. (repeat bridge) (chorus)
(tag) Yes, they shall have eternal life.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

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TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School (pre-K-6/ D/C)

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Gina Whaley, Lauren Whaley

11:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)

- If you would like to receive a recap of the prayer requests mentioned on Sunday morning in your email, please sign up

with your email address on the list that is being passed around this morning.

THIS WEEK

- Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study
5:00 pm Adult Sewing Lessons (Fellowship Room)
- Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)
6:30 pm Women's PM Study (Potter's House)
- Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)
7:00 pm Lenten Reflections (Potter's House)
- Thur. 3:30 pm Children's Sewing Lessons (Fellowship)
6:00 pm Israeli-Palestinian Study (Potter's)
- Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House)
- Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School, D/C
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Campership Bake Sale (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Revised Versions** of the March calendar are available in the Narthex and in the wings.
- **Lenten Reflections:** This week, March 13 at 7:00 pm, here in the Potter's House. Pastor Marcus will lead the discussion.
- **Sewing Lessons:** Children's sewing lessons with Cathy Fredlund (203-841-7239 or cbfredl@optonline.net) are on Thursday, 3:30-4:45 pm. (Some adults are needed to oversee the safety of the sewers.)
- **Easter Baskets:** As in past years, we are collecting items to fill Easter baskets for Thomaston children identified by the Thomaston Town Pantry. Bring any goodies you want to give by no later than next Sunday, March 17, and the Crafty Friday group will fill the baskets.
- **Bake Sale for Camperships:** Next Sunday, March 17, in the Fellowship Room after worship. Help raise money to help our kids to go to Camp Squanto this summer. Bake for the sale – come and buy something good to eat!
- **Easter Sanctuary Flowers:** Flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one will be \$12 each and there will be a variety. Contact Dawn Johnson by no later than Sunday,

March 24 (dawnjohnson355@gmail.com). Pay her in cash or by check (made to Dawn Johnson, not the church) so she can track how much to give the florist. List how many flowers you want and who they are in memory of. A list of contributors and memorial dedications will be published in the bulletin on March 31.

• **Lenten Worship Schedule**

- 3/13 Wed. 7:00 pm, here, Potter's House
3/20 Wed. 7:00 pm, First Congregational
3/24 Sun. 10:00 am, Palm Sunday worship, Children participate
3/28 Thur. 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday worship, here, Sanctuary
3/31 Sun., 6:30 am, Easter Sunrise worship, Morton's Pond, 700 Old Northfield Road, Thomaston
9:00 am, Sunday School
10 am, Easter worship, Sanctuary (no coffee fellowship after 10 am worship)

GIVING MADE EASY

- Give online in two minutes. Opt for one time, weekly or monthly donations. Open the camera app on your phone and scan the QR Code, which takes you to the Giving Page on our website.

Covenant Church of Thomaston

Giving Page QR Code



MISSIONS

- **Banquet of Blessing**
 - Need: crackers, grape jelly, tuna salad or chicken salad snacks to go, paper towels, toilet paper.
 - No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We can't give away out of date food.
 - No canned green beans, mixed vegetables or vegetarian vegetable soup right now.
- **Snack pack bags** need breakfast, lunch, and snack items: cereals, breakfast bars, fruit cups or apple-sauce, granola

bars, chips, crackers, Goldfish, cookies, etc. Please leave any donations on the counter in the Potter's House. Thanks.

- **Helping Hands:** Missions & Evangelism has a box in the Fellowship Room where you can make requests for small jobs around the house. M & E will find someone who can help you.

DIACONATE

- **Benevolence Needs:** Small envelopes are in the pews so you can contribute to help those who need basic necessities. If you have a benevolence need, contact Pastor Stephanie (pastor@covchurchthomaston.org or 860-283-9146) or John Butkevich (john.butkevich@gmail.com) or Linda Lawrence (lindae0824@gmail.com).
- **Praying for You:** Every year, a Diaconate member is praying for you! You can reach out directly to that Deacon if you have a prayer need or just want to connect with a Deacon.

Check the 2024 church directory to see which page number you are on, and the names below to see who your Deacon is for 2024. It changes every year.

John Butkevich – pp. 1 & 7 Janet Cappelletti – p. 5
Linda Lawrence – pp. 2 & 9 Cathy Fredlund – pp. 6 & 10
Glenn Hafele – pp. 3 & 11 Jean Morton – p. 8
Dave McClay – p. 4

- **WM Book Club** next meets on Wednesday, April 3, (to avoid conflict with the Lenten Reflections), at 6:30 pm in the Potter's House The book to read is ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah. This is a new book, so it may be hard to get from the library, but, it is available at Costco or Amazon.

TRUSTEES

- **Lighting Alert:** Our neighbors have noticed some lights left on in the church. Please, if you are the last person to leave in the afternoon or evening, be sure you turn off the lights. (Check the stairs and attic if you were there!)

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