

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 31, 2024
Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Luke 24:36-49
“Joy and Amazement”

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PRELUDE I Surrender

Here I am, down on my knees again,
Surrendering all, surrendering all.
And find me here, Lord, as you draw me near.
Desperate for you, desperate for you,
I surrender.

Instrumental

Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold.
I hunger and thirst; I hunger and thirst.
With arms stretched wide, I know you hear my cry.
Speak to me now; speak to me now.

(chorus 1) I surrender. I surrender.
I want to know you more; I want to know you more.
I surrender; I surrender.
I want to know you more; I want to know you more.
I surrender.

Instrumental

(bridge) Like a rushing wind, Jesus, breathe within.
Lord, have your way; Lord, have your way in me.
Like a mighty storm, stir within my soul.
Lord, have your way; Lord, have your way in me.
(repeat bridge) (chorus 2)

(chorus 2) I surrender; I surrender.
I want to know you more; I want to know you more
I surrender.

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Raise a Hallelujah (Congregation sings bold)

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah: my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah: heaven comes to fight for me.

***(chorus)* I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the King is alive!**

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah: I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah: fear, you lost your hold on me! (**chorus**)

(*bridge 1*) Sing a little louder (**Sing a little louder**).

Sing a little louder (**Sing a little louder**).

Sing a little louder (**Sing a little louder**)

Sing a little louder (**Sing a little louder**)

(*bridge 2*)

Sing a little louder (**In the presence of my enemies**)

Sing a little louder (**Louder than the unbelief**)

Sing a little louder (**My weapon is a melody**)

Sing a little louder (**Heaven comes to fight for me**)

(*repeat bridge 2*)

(*bridge tag*) Sing a little louder. (**chorus**) (**chorus**)

(*chorus tag*) I raise a hallelujah; I raise a hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah; I raise a hallelujah.

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WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** #245 Low in the Grave He Lay
#235 The Old Rugged Cross

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)

From Psalm 113 Peggy Schwetz

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

**Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.**

HYMN #251

Easter Song

**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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Karen Anticoli

SPECIAL MUSIC

Man of Sorrows

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

"Joy and Amazement"

Luke 24:36-49

***SENDING SONG** Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.

Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb 'til I met you!

I was breathing, but not alive.

All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met you!

(*chorus*) You called my name.

Then I ran out of that grave,

Out of the darkness into your glorious day.

You called my name.

Then I ran out of that grave,

Out of the darkness into your glorious day.

Now your mercy has saved my soul.

Now your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met you. (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,

But chains break at the weight of your glory.

I needed shelter. I was an orphan,

But you call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, you were my healing.

Now your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open. (*chorus*)

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

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

TODAY

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship (Morton's Pond)

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

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Mary Butkevich

(no coffee fellowship after worship today)

- April calendars are available in the Narthex and in each wing.

THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)

Tue. 9:00 am WM Kitchen Detail

6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

6:30 pm WM Book Club (Conference Room)

Thur. 3:30 pm Children's Sewing Lessons (Fellowship)

6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study (Potter's House)

7:30 pm NA Subcommittee (Gathering Room)

Fri. 6:00 pm Secrets of the Apps workshop (Fellowship)

Sat. 11:00-2:00 Private (Fellowship Room, Potter's)

Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School, D/C

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

CE Board (Gathering Room)

M & E Board (Youth Room)

Trustees Board (Potter's House)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WM Book Club** meets this Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room The book is ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah.
- **Thursday Bible Study**, starting this week, April 4, at 6:30 pm in the Potter's House: "Distorted Views of God." We all bring our own lens with which we view the world. Likewise, we come with assumptions about who God is. Based on experience, misunderstanding of Scripture, or otherwise, understanding the character of God is essential to understanding the gospel properly. Join us as we dismantle the distorted ways we tend to view God and look to Scripture for the truth.
- **Secret of the Apps: An Internet Safety Workshop:** This Friday, April 5, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Join us with Police Officer Rich Marsh to get information you need to be wise about the risks of certain apps on your child's cell phone. For parents, grandparents, and anyone caring for school-aged children. A light meal will be served.
- **Movie Night:** Plan for Friday night, April 12, at 6 pm in the Potter's House! The movie is *The Boys in the Boat*, based on the book by Daniel James Brown, about the improbable triumph of the American rowing team at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. The movie is approximately 2 hours, and we will have refreshments. Sign up in the Potter's House so we know how many to plan for. Bring a snack or drink to share if you wish. All adults are welcome!
- **Exhale Women's Retreat:** Registration is now open for the Exhale retreat at Pilgrim Pines, April 26-28! Join us for a fun and relaxing weekend! See more at pilgrimpines.org/exhale.
- **Discovery Class:** Join Pastor Stephanie for a 2-part series about our denomination and our church, coming up on April 21 (Session 1) and 28 (Session 2) in the Potter's House. A simple lunch will be provided as we discuss who we are as a church, what our denomination is all about, and what it means to be part of this community. Contact Pastor Stephanie or Cathy Fredlund **by April 14** if interested.
- **New Weekly Bulletin Deadline:** Starting in April, the final bulletin will be sent to print on Wednesdays instead of on

Thursdays. Get additions or changes to Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org) before Wednesday morning (8:00 am).

- **Door Keys:** We have new keys for the church doors. If you need a new key, contact Ruth Johnson and turn in your old key.

TRUSTEES

- The Trustees have a large library-style table and two wooden chairs in the upstairs hall leading to the attic door. They are free for anyone who wants them. Contact Bee Bothroyd (860-309-3212).

DIACONATE

- **Praying for You:** To find the name of the Deacon who is praying for you so you can connect with them, please see the list on the bulletin board in the hall to the Gathering Room. Church directories are available in the church office.
- **Your Prayers Requested:** Please pray for the Church Purpose Team, which will begin meeting in April to discern the Lord's voice in the work he is setting before us. Your prayers are an important contribution to this process. Contact Cathy Fredlund with any questions.
- **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 or Linda Lawrence.

MISSIONS

- **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.

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.

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