

# 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



**April 14, 2024**  
**Worship 10:00 am**  
**Acts 8:26-40 and Luke 18:35-43**  
**“B.L.E.S.S. – Listen with Care”**

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**PRELUDE** (insert) Resurrection Power

You called me from the grave by name.

You called me out of all my shame.

I see the old has passed away. The new has come!

*(chorus 1)* Now I have resurrection power,  
Living on the inside, Jesus. You have given us freedom.  
No longer bound by sin and darkness,  
Living in the light of your goodness,  
You have given us freedom.

I'm dressed in your royalty.

Your Holy Spirit lives in me.

I see my past has been redeemed. The new has come!

*(chorus 1)*

*(bridge)* Freedom, you have given us freedom!

You have given us freedom – my chains are gone!

Freedom, you have given us freedom!

You have given us freedom. Hallelujah! *(repeat bridge)*

*(chorus 2)* Now I have resurrection power, – – – –

Living on the inside. – –

And I'm no longer bound by sin and darkness,

Living in the light of your goodness.

You have given us freedom!

Now I have resurrection power living on the inside, Jesus.

You have given us freedom

And I'm no longer bound by sin and darkness.

Living in the light of your goodness.

You have given us freedom!

*(tag)* I have resurrection power,

Living on the inside, living on the inside

*(instrumental)*

You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom.

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## Power of the Cross

The past that held regret over my head is gone.  
These chains are ashes now that once were rusted on.  
I was a runaway; now I am finally home.  
My mind was a ghost town, haunted by yesterday  
Until your hand reached down, pulled me out of my grave  
Into the freedom found only in Jesus' name.

*(chorus 1)* I am forgiven, no longer lost.  
Now I am living in the power of the cross.

The Father gave his Son so I could be set free,  
And now the scales are gone. My eyes can finally see.  
I'll tell the world of all Jesus has done for me.

*(chorus 2)* I am forgiven, no longer lost.  
Now I am living in the power of the cross.  
Goodbye to sorrow; welcome my joy.  
Now I am living in the power of the cross.

*(bridge)* And on that cross his love held true,  
Through sacrifice, the old made new.  
This life I live, I live in faith now  
in Jesus' name.

*(chorus 3)* I am forgiven, no longer lost.  
Now I am living in the power of the cross.  
Goodbye to sorrow (goodbye to sorrow),  
Welcome my joy (welcome my joy)  
Now I am living  
(yes, I'm living) in the power of the cross.

*(tag)* Thank you, O God, I thank you.  
Jesus, I thank you. Thank you for the cross.  
Praise you, O God, I praise you.  
Jesus, I praise you, praise you for the cross.

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## WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN #430** Blessed Assurance  
**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD** (Congregation reads **bold**)  
Zephaniah 3:14-17 Dave McClay

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

**Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
Daughter Jerusalem!**

The Lord has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.

**The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.**

On that day they will say to Jerusalem,  
"Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

**The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.**

He will take great delight in you;  
**in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing."**

**SONG #98** The Steadfast Love

**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

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Precious Love of Jesus

**SERMON** Pastor Stephanie Nelson

**"B.L.E.S.S. – Listen with Care"**

**Acts 8:26-40, Luke 18:35-43**

(pages 892 and 853 in the pew Bible)

\***SENDING SONG** (insert) Sing Wherever I Go

*(chorus)* All my life, all I know,  
God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low,  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go. *(repeat chorus)*

God is for me; he's not against me.  
I will hold to the plans he has for me.  
When I'm broken, he will fix me.  
I will call on the name of the Lord. (*chorus*)

He's my heart song in my sorrow.  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.  
And when the storms rise all around me,  
I will call on the name of the Lord (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) I got joy, joy, joy, deep in my soul!  
I will sing, sing, sing, wherever I go! (*chorus*)

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**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**TODAY**

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

10:00 am Worship

*Nursery: Courtney Ayer*

11:30 am Church Board (Gathering Room)

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. 6:30 pm Tres Dias Secretariat (Fellowship Room)

Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

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

Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Fridays (Potter's House)

6:30 pm Tres Dias Secuela (Fellowship Room)

Sat. 9:30 am "Chosen" Group (Chubbas)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Discovery Class, Session 1 (Potter's)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Discovery Class:** Contact Pastor Stephanie or Cathy Fredlund **by today** if you are interested in Pastor Stephanie's 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 (11:30 am-1:00 pm).

- **New Weekly Bulletin Deadline:** Sunday's final bulletin is sent to print on Wednesdays NOW 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.

**DIACONATE**

- **Your Prayers Requested:** Please pray for the Church Purpose Team, meeting this Wednesday to work on discerning 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 or John Butkevich or Linda Lawrence.

**WOMEN MINISTRIES**

- **Book Club** next meets on Wednesday, May 21 3, at 6:30 pm in the Potter's House. The book to read is ***The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*** by Jonas Jonasson.

Looking ahead, we will read ***The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawhon for June, date and time to be determined. This is a new book, so it may be harder to get through Bibliomation.

**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.

## MISSIONS

- **Banquet of Blessing**
  - Need: pasta sides, mashed potatoes, potato sides, crackers, chicken noodle soup, salad dressing (not Italian), gallon storage bags, sandwich bags.
  - 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.
- **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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