

# 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 21, 2024**  
**Worship 10:00 am**  
**Luke 19:1-10**  
**“B.L.E.S.S. – Eat Together”**

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**PRELUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## **WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** All Who are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, - all who are weak – come to the fountain;  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow – be washed away –  
in the waves of his mercy.

As deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come – Come Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, - all who are weak – come to the fountain;  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow – be washed away –  
in the waves of his mercy.

As deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come – Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. – Holy Spirit, come.

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## **Firm Foundation (He Won't)**

*(verse 1)* Christ is my firm foundation,  
The rock on which I stand.

When everything around me is shaken,  
I've never been more glad, that I put my faith in Jesus,  
'Cause he's never let me down.

He's faithful through generations.  
So why would he fail now?

*(chorus 1)* He won't. He won't.

I've still got joy in chaos;  
I've got peace that makes no sense.

I won't be going under. I'm not held by my own strength,  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus. He's never let me down.  
He's faithful in every season, so why would he fail now?

*(chorus 2)* He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!  
He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

*(verse 1)*

*(chorus 3)* He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

*(instrumental)*

(bridge) Rain came; wind blew.  
But my house was built on you.  
I'm safe with you. I'm gonna make it through.  
(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)

(bridge tag) Yeah, I'm gonna make it through,  
'Cause I'm standing strong on you.  
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through,  
'Cause my house is built on you.

(verse 1) (chorus 2)

(tag) No, he won't.

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Hymn #23 (vs. 1, 2, 3) O Worship the King

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

Matthew 25:34-40 Jessica Bedosky

Then the King will say to those on his right,  
"Come, you who are blessed by my Father;  
take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you  
since the creation of the world.

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.**

**I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.**

"I was a stranger and you invited me in.

I needed clothes and you clothed me.

**"I was sick and you looked after me.**

**I was in prison and you came to visit me."**

Then the righteous will answer him,

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you something to drink?"

**When did we see you a stranger and invite you in,  
or needing clothes and clothe you?**

**When did we see you sick or in prison  
and go to visit you?"**

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did  
for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me."

**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**

Come to the Table

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

**"B.L.E.S.S. – Eat Together"**

**Luke 19:1-10**

\***SENDING SONG** Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, • • •

Let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; • • •

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing your praise unending: • • •

Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Forevermore! (chorus)

I'll worship your holy name.

Yes, I'll worship your holy name.

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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: Cathy Fredlund*

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

**Pastor Stephanie** will be at the East Coast Conference in Manchester this week on Friday and Saturday. You can reach her via email or her cell phone if you have any pastoral care needs. If you have a more urgent matter, please contact Church Chair John Bedosky.

### THIS WEEK

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

Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

Wed. 6:00 pm Purpose Team (Potter's House)

6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

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

Fri. East Coast Conference Annual Meeting (Manchester)

Women's "Exhale" Retreat (Pilgrim Pines)

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

Sat. East Coast Conference Annual Meeting (Manchester)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees (Conference Room)

11:30 am Discovery Class, Session 2 (Potter's)

4:00 pm CHYG

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sanctuary Screens:** Last June we approved installing screens in the sanctuary and plans are moving forward. While funds have been coming in, we still are approximately \$3,000 short of what we need to complete the project (equipment, wiring, software, etc.). The total project will be about \$10-11K. We want to do this the right way to maximize usage for music, presentations, sermon support, and much more. So that everyone can have a part in this project and to help unify us as we move forward, please consider giving towards the project. Any amount will be appreciated. Mark your gift for "Technology-Screens." Contact John Bedosky, Jay Fredlund or Pastor Stephanie for questions.

- **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).
- **New Door Keys:** If you need a new key, contact Ruth Johnson and turn in your old key.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Vacation Bible School:** The CE board is forming a committee to plan VBS for the week of August 12. Contact a member of the CE board (Mary Butkevich, Grace Duke, Brenda Tousignant, Drew Conlon, Patricia Vigeant, Susan Sundell or Ruth Hopkins) if you are willing to help plan for VBS. Thank you.
- **Sunday School:** We need a few more Sunday school teachers for the fall. While it's several months away, we need to plan ahead to be sure all our classes are fully staffed. If this is something the Lord is nudging you to do, contact a CE board member (see above). Thank you.

### 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 (pastor@covchurchthomaston.org or 860-283-9146) or John Butkevich (john.butkevich@gmail.com) or Linda Lawrence (lindae0824@gmail.com)

### MISSIONS

- **Banquet of Blessing**
  - Need: pasta sides, 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.

### WOMEN MINISTRIES

- **Carolyn's Place:** Women Ministries is collecting donations for Carolyn's Place, a pregnancy care center in Waterbury. Please put items in the bin in the Potter's House **by May 5** so they can be delivered in time for Mother's Day. Requested items include: baby wipes, diapers size 5 & 6, baby wash/shampoo, diaper cream, or gift cards to Walmart, Amazon, or Home Depot. Thank you for your support!
- **Book Club** next meets on Tuesday, May 21 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.

### 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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