

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



May 5, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
1 John 1:1-4 and John 9:1-11
“B.L.E.S.S. – Share Your Story”

Pastor:

Rev. Stephanie Nelson
(Study) 860-283-9146; pastor@covchurchthomaston.org

Office Manager: Ruth Johnson 860-605-8040; cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org
Website: covchurchthomaston.org; Facebook: [Covenant Church of Thomaston](https://www.facebook.com/CovenantChurchofThomaston)

PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing,
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
We live for you, oh, we live for you

(verse 2) Jesus, the Name above every other name,
Jesus, the only One who could ever save,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
We live for you; we live for you.

(chorus) Holy! There is no one like you.
There is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who you are and fill me
with your heart, and lead me
in your love to those around me.
(repeat verse 2) (chorus)

(bridge) And I will build my life upon your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone,
And I will not be shaken. *(repeat bridge)*

(chorus)(bridge) (bridge)

© 2016 Worshiptogether.com Songs, Sixsteps Music, Said And Done
Music, Thankyou Music Ltd., Capitol Cmg Genesis, Bethel Music
Publishing, Housefires Sounds, Kaplemusic
Words & music by Matthew James Redman, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,
Brett Steven Younker, Joseph Patrick Martin Barrett | CCLI 1481213

Jesus, I Believe

I wanna walk with you, Jesus,
Feel your presence and know you're near.
I wanna see you, Jesus, move in power and cast out fear.

(chorus 1) I need to hear you now; I need to know it's you.
I'm standing on your promises. I know your word is true.
You're bigger than what I see. It's you in exchange for me,
'Cause even the impossible can be reality.
Jesus, I believe; Jesus, I believe.

I wanna say what you're saying,
Speaking life to what is dead.
I wanna cling to you, Jesus, hanging on your every
breath.

(chorus 2) I need to hear you now; I need to know it's you.
I'm standing on your promises. I know your word is true.
You're bigger than what I see. It's you in exchange for me,
'Cause even the impossible is your reality.
Jesus, I believe; Jesus, I believe.

(bridge) So let your kingdom come, and let your will be done,
Here on the earth just like it is in heaven.
God, let your kingdom come, and let your will be done,
Right here on earth, just like it is in heaven. *(chorus 3)*

(chorus 3) I need to hear you now; I need to know it's you.
I'm standing on your promises. I know your word is true.
You're bigger than what I see. It's you in exchange for me,
'Cause even the impossible is your reality. *(chorus 3)*

(tag) God, even the impossible is your reality.
Jesus I believe. Jesus I believe.

Help my unbelief, God. Jesus, I believe.

Words and music by Jason Ingram and Michael Weaver
© 2013 Word Music LLC / Open Hands Music / So Essential Tunes /
Word Music Group, Inc., and Essential Music Publishing LLC | CCLI # 148-1213

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)
(blue hymnal #219, vs. 1-3) I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)
From Psalm 105 Ann Ryan

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

**you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.**

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

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

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

*Doxology (blue hymnal #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

God Is in This Story

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“B.L.E.S.S. – Share Your Story”

1 John 1:1-4 and John 9:1-11

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

***SENDING SONG**

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.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, you are close like no other.

I've known you as a father; I've known you as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God *(chorus)*

(bridge) Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

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.

©2018 SHOUT! Music Publishing / Fellow Ships Music,
So Essential Tunes / Alletrop Music / Bethel Music Publishing
Words and music by Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram,
Ben Fielding, Ed Cash and Brian Johnson | CCLI 1481213

***BENEDICTION**

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

TODAY

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

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Gina Whaley, Lauren Whaley

11:30 am Missions & Evangelism Board (Youth Room)

THIS WEEK

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

6:00 pm Zumba (Potter's House)

Tue. 9:00 am Kitchen Detail

6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

6:30 pm CE Board (Gathering Room)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

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

7:30 pm NA Subcommittee (Gathering Room)

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

6:30 pm CHYG (Fellowship Room)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sanctuary Screens:** 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 maximize usage for music, presentations, sermon support, and much more. Please consider giving any amount towards the project. Mark your

gift for "Technology-Screens." Contact John Bedosky , Jay Fredlund or Pastor Stephanie for questions.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- **Carolyn's Place** items are due today. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Zumba** (exercises set to lively music) with a licensed instructor in the Potter's House start tomorrow night, May 6, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, and running for 5 weeks (5/6, 13, 20, 6/3, 10). Each session is \$8 per person. Contact Mary Butkevich for more information or to ask about possible child care.
- **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 keep praying for the Church Purpose Team, which is working 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

- **Teen Challenge will be visiting on June 23:** This is a service of hope and second chances. Many in our society struggle with various kinds of addictions. Reach out to those in your circle of influence who may benefit from this service and invite them! More information to follow on Teen Challenge and what they do for adolescents and adult men and women.

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

