

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 12, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
Galatians 1:1-12
“No Other Gospel”

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PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like you, none like you.

Into the darkness you shine. Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like you – none like you.

(chorus) Our God is greater; our God is stronger.
God, you are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power:
Our God, our God.

Into the darkness you shine. Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like you – none like you. *(chorus) (chorus)*

(Instrumental)

(bridge) And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against? *(repeat bridge)*

(bridge tag) What could stand against? *(chorus) (chorus)*

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Hosanna

I see the king of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes. The whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy
Washing over all our sin.
The people sing. The people sing

(chorus) Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees; We're on our knees. (*chorus*)

(*instrumental*)

(*bridge*) Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am for your kingdoms cause,
As I walk from earth into eternity. (*chorus*)

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Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)
(blue hymnal #269 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)
Psalm 119:41-48 Ted Ryan

May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,
your salvation, according to your promise;
**then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.**

Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.
I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.

I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.
**I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,**
for I delight in your commands because I love them.
**I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.**

**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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC

Reckless Love

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“No Other Gospel”

Galatians 1:1-12

(page 945 in the pew Bible)

***SENDING SONG**

Good, Good Father

Well, I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think you're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night,
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone.

(*chorus*) You're a good, good Father;
It's who you are; it's who you are; it's who you are,
And I'm loved by you;
It's who I am; it's who I am; it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching For answers only you provide,
'Cause you know what we need
Before we say a word. (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) 'Cause you are perfect in all of your ways;
You are perfect in all of your ways;
You are perfect in all of your ways to us. (*repeat bridge*)

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak,
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think,
As you call me deeper still; as you call me deeper still;
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

(*chorus*) (*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: Sue Sundell

THIS WEEK

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

6:00 pm Zumba (Potter's House)

Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

Wed. 6:00 pm Purpose Team (Conference Room)

6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

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

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

6:30 pm Tres Dias Secuela (Fellowship Room)

Sat. 10:00 am WM Book Swap (Cathy Fredlund's)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Church Board (Gathering Room)

4:00 pm CHYG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sanctuary Screens:** We still are short of what we need to complete the project (equipment, wiring, software, etc.). Please consider giving any amount towards the project (mark your gift for "Technology-Screens"). The screens will provide support for music, presentations, sermons, and much more. Contact John Bedosky (203-770-5304 or jbedosky@outlook.com) , Jay Fredlund (203-592-9855 or jay.fredlund@kidsalive.org) or Pastor Stephanie for questions.

MISSIONS

- **Missionary Visit:** You are invited to a soup supper with Covenant missionaries Janet and Ron Ziegelbaur at the home of Mary and John Butkevich (449 Hickory Hill Road), Thursday May 23 at 6:00 pm. Janet and Ron have been serving at the Rain Forest International School in Cameroon for many years. Please join us for an informative and fun evening as we eat together and share in fellowship with Janet and Ron and learn about their ministry in Africa.

- **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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Zumba** (exercises set to lively music) with a licensed instructor in the Potter's House on Monday nights, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, and running for a remaining 4 weeks (5/13, 5/20, 6/3, 6/10). 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 or Linda Lawrence.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- **WM Book Swap:** Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 am at Cathy Fredlund's home. This was so much fun we are doing it again. Bring a book – take a book.
- **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.

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