

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 19, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
Galatians 1:11 – 2:10
“A Gospel Biography”

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PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

(chorus) So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, o, so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor. *(chorus)*

(bridge) And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross. *(bridge)* *(bridge)*
(chorus) *(chorus)*

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Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst.
I worship you; I worship you
You are here, working in this place.
I worship you; I worship you. *(repeat verse)*

(chorus) You are – Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God; that is who you are.
You are – Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God; that is who you are.

You are here, touching every heart.
I worship you; I worship you.
You are here, healing every heart.
I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, turning lives around.
I worship you; I worship you.

You are here, mending every heart.
I worship you; I worship you. (*chorus*)

(*chorus tag 1*) That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.
(*chorus*) (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) Even when I don't see it, you're working.
Even when I don't feel it, you're working.
You never stop; you never stop working.
You never stop; you never stop working. (*repeat bridge*)
(*chorus*)

(*chorus tag 2*) That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are.

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Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)
(hymnal #354 (vs. 1, 3, 4) My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)
From 2 Corinthians 5 Liz Montambault
So from now on

we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

**Though we once regarded Christ in this way,
we do so no longer.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ

**And he has committed to us
the message of reconciliation.**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,

as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**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

Scars

SERMON

Stephanie Nelson

**“A Gospel Biography”
Galatians 1:11 – 2:10**

SENDING SONG I'll Fly Away Medely

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.
To that home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away.

(*chorus*) I'll fly away oh glory; I'll fly away (in the morning).
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly - I'll fly away.
(*chorus*)

Oh how glad and happy when we meet - I'll fly away.
No more cold iron shackles on my feet - I'll fly away. (*chorus*)

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away. (*chorus*)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we' first begun.

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

(*chorus*) There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. (*chorus*)

I'll fly away oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning).
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away!
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away!

***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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Church Board (Gathering Room)

4:00 pm CHYG

- **Pastor Stephanie** will be at Pilgrim Pines for a pastors' retreat Monday, 5/20, through Wednesday morning, 5/22. Leave her a message if you have any pastoral care needs. If you have a more urgent matter, contact Diaconate Chair Cathy Fredlund or Church Chair John Bedosky.

THIS WEEK

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

6:00 pm Zumba (Potter's House)

6:30 pm Tres Dias Secretariat (Fellowship)

Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)

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

6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

Thur. 6:00 pm Missionary Supper (Butkevichs' home)

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

Sat. 9:30 am "Chosen" Group (Esme's & Ruby's)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees (Conference Room)

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, Jay Fredlund or Pastor Stephanie for questions.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- **Book Club** next meets this 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.

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 this 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.

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, for a remaining 2 weeks (5/20 and 6/10). Each session is \$8 per person. Contact Mary Butkevich for more information or to ask about possible child care.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Cathy Fredlund and Christy Barrett have agreed to serve on the CE Board's committee to plan VBS for the week of August 12. If you are willing to help plan for VBS, contact a member of the CE board (Mary Butkevich, Grace Duke, Brenda Tousignant, Drew Conlon, Patricia Vigeant, Susan Sundell or Ruth Hopkins)
- **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

- **Pew Bibles:** The Diaconate is purchasing 50 New International Version pew Bibles so that all of the pew Bibles are the same, and use the same version Pastor Stephanie reads from on Sunday mornings. We are delighted that so many of you are opening your Bibles to read along! You are invited to contribute toward the \$15 cost for each Bible. Place your donation in the offering plate marked for Pew Bibles. You will be able to complete, in your own handwriting, a bookplate for inside the front cover (“Given in honor of....”). Include your name with your donation so we know who wants to complete a bookplate. If you donate anonymously, there will be no bookplate.
- **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).

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