

# 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



**June 9, 2024**

**Worship 10:00 am**

**Galatians 3:23 – 4:7**

**“Belonging to Christ”**

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**PRELUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## **WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Living Hope  
How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished; the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven.  
The King of Kings calls me his own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*(chorus)* Hallelujah! Praise the one who set me free.  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope *(repeat chorus)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me. *(repeat verse)*

Jesus, yours is the victory! *(chorus)*

*(tag)* Jesus Christ, my living hope!  
Oh God, you are my living hope!

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## Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
where your streams of abundance flow.

Blessed be your name.

And blessed be your name  
when I'm found in the desert place;  
though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll – turn back to praise,  
and when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say –

*(chorus)* Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.

And blessed be your name

On the road marked with suffering;  
though there's pain in the offering,

Blessed be your name. *(pre-chorus) (chorus)*

*(bridge)* You give and take away; you give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

*(repeat bridge) (chorus) (chorus)*

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SONGS

The Salvation Poem  
Jesus Loves Me

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

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

From Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## 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

## SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

**“Belonging to Christ”**

**Galatians 3:23 – 4:7**

## \*SENDING SONG

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
Lost without hope with no place to begin,  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed; only beauty remains.  
My orphan heart was given a name.  
My mourning grew quiet; my feet rose to dance,  
When death was arrested and my life began.

*(chorus 1)* Oh, your grace so free washes over me.  
You have made me new; now life begins with you.

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.  
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore.  
He canceled my debt and he called me his friend,  
When death was arrested and my life began.

*(chorus 2)* Oh, your grace so free washes over me.  
You have made me new; now life begins with you.  
It's your endless love pouring down on us:  
You have made us new; now life begins with you.

*(Instrumental)*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross –

Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost,  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand!  
That's when death was arrested and my life began!  
That's when death was arrested and my life began!  
(chorus 2)

(bridge) Oh, we're free, free; forever we're free!  
Come join the song of all the redeemed.  
Yes, we're free, free; forever, amen!  
When death was arrested and my life began! (repeat bridge)

(tag) When death was arrested and my life began.  
That's when death was arrested and my life began!

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**\*BENEDICTION/CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

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**TODAY**

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

10:00 am Worship

*Nursery: Cathy Fredlund, Haley Morton*

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)

- **Quarterly Meeting:** Join us after worship at 11:30 in the Sanctuary for our quarterly business meeting.
- **Flowers** on the altar this morning are from Liz Montambault in memory of her husband Don.

**THIS WEEK**

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Last session: Esme's & Ruby's)

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)

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

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

10:00-2:00 CHYG Carwash & Bake Sale

Sun. 10:00 am Worship

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- **Zumba** meets again one more time at 6:00 pm tomorrow in the Potter's House. Each session is \$8 per person.
- **CHYG Car Wash and Bake Sale:** CHYG is fundraising for UNITE East (July 15-19) with a car wash and bake sale **next Saturday**, June 15, 10:00-2:00 (parking lot behind the church!). Bring your car! Bake something for the sale! Buy something good to eat! (Two youth and two counselors are going to UNITE.)
- **Sunday School:** While it's several months away, we need to plan ahead to be sure all our Sunday School classes are fully staffed. If this is something the Lord is nudging you to do, contact the CE board.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Contact Cathy Fredlund, Christy Barrett, or Mary Butkevich if you are interested in working to plan VBS for the week of August 12.

**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 are still needed:** Please keep praying for the Church Purpose Team, meeting again this week. The group 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 AND EVANGELISM**

- **Banquet of Blessing**
  - Need: macaroni and cheese (the kind you don't need to buy milk and butter to use), cereal, baking mixes, pancake syrup, peanut butter (smooth and chunky), canned fruit other than peaches, granola/snack bars, ketchup, toilet paper.
  - No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.
  - No canned green beans, mixed vegetables or vegetarian vegetable soup right now.

### **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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