

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



August 18, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
“The Why of Our Worship”
Psalm 33

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PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP Gratitude

All my words fall short. I got nothing new.
How could I express
all my gratitude?

I could sing these songs as I often do,
Every song must end,
and you never do.

(chorus) So I throw up my hands
And praise you again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah. Hallelujah!
And I know it's not much,
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing hallelujah. Hallelujah!

I've got one response. I've got just one move.
With my arm stretched wide,
I will worship you. *(chorus)*

(bridge) So come on, my soul.
Don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)(chorus)

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***PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts, debtors)

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)
Hebrews 10:19-25 Gina Whaley

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence
to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way opened for us
through the curtain, that is, his body,
and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with the full assurance that faith brings,
**having our hearts sprinkled
to cleanse us from a guilty conscience
and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.

**And let us consider how we may spur
one another on toward love and good deeds,**
not giving up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
**but encouraging one another—
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

Hymn #5 Great Is the Lord

**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 Holy Forever

SERMON Pastor Stephanie Nelson

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***SENDING SONG** How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King – clothed in majesty,
let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light – and darkness tries to hide;
it trembles at his voice, it trembles at his voice.

(chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me.
How great is our God! And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

Age to age, he stands – and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(chorus)*

(bridge) You're the Name above all names.

You are worthy of all praise, and my heart will sing:

How great is our God! *(repeat bridge) (chorus) (chorus)*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

TODAY

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Sue Sundell

11:30 am Trustees (Conference Room)

THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30 pm Tres Dias Secretariat (Fellowship Room)

Tue. 6:30 pm Zumba (Potter's House)

6:30 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 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)

Sun. 10:00 am Worship

Noon All-Church Picnic (Nystrom's Pavilion)

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

- **Our annual picnic** is next Sunday, August 25, at the Nystrom's Pavilion at noon. Please bring a dish to share. Desserts are always welcome too! Water and cups will be provided.

KIDS CAMP REPORT

- **Thank you** to all who helped with VBS for registration, Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, preparing and serving food, set up, clean up, and – who could forget – the snow-cones! Our last night, including kids and adults, we had 70 in attendance! Praise God!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

- The ECCWM Fall Retreat at Pilgrim Pines is September 13-15! To register, go to www.pilgrimpines.org/ecc-womens-fall-retreat. The Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers-Johnson will speak on "This Is My Story" – living and proclaiming the Good News. Pastor Stephanie is leading worship for the retreat and hosting a small group session. More info on the Potter's House bulletin board or see Christy Barrett with questions. Join us!

QUARTERLY MEETING CHANGE

- The date for the September Quarterly meeting of the congregation is changed to September 22, 11:30 after worship in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Sunday School returns September 15:** We need 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.

DIACONATE

- **The RSV Bibles** that were removed from the pews are in boxes in the conference room. You are welcome to take as many as you need before we give them away. Ideas would be to carry one in your car to give to someone you meet, put one in a Little Free Library that you pass by, etc.
- **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.

"CHOSEN" GROUP

- **The group** viewing "The Chosen" episodes begins meeting again on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Room (except for breakfast at Esme's & Ruby's the fourth Saturday of the month). All are invited. Tea will be available!

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