

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



May 11, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
"Temporary Matters"
2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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Our mission
is to go and be living evidence of God's love
by the transforming power of his forgiveness and grace.

PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob,
whose love endures through generations.
I know that you will keep your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
the One who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

(chorus) O God, my God, I need you;
O God, my God, I need you now.
How I need you now.
O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I'm standing on your faithfulness,
On your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the God of Mary,
whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with you, all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David,
who made a shepherd boy courageous.
I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants. *(chorus)*
(chorus)

(bridge) You heard your children then;
you hear your children now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You answered prayers back then and you will answer now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were providing then; you are providing now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You moved in power then; God, move in power now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were a healer then; you are a healer now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were a Savior then; you are a Savior now.
You are the same God; you are the same God. *(chorus)*
(chorus)

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit;
Almighty River, come and fill me again.
Come and fill me again; Come and fill me again.

Shepherd

Though I walk through the valley, and I can't see the way,
When the shadows surround me, I will not be afraid.
For I know you are with me. You will always provide.
Though the path may be lonely, you will stay by my side

(pre-chorus) I will rest my soul. I'll trust in you alone.

(chorus) For the Lord my Shepherd
Leads me, leads me, and he is all I need.
In the darkest valley,
I know, I know my Shepherd is all I need.

Lord I know that you seek me when I'm trying to hide,
And your love, it pursues me all the days of my life.
(pre-chorus)(chorus)

(bridge) I rest my soul in you alone.
You light my way; you lead me on. *(repeat bridge)*

(chorus) (chorus)

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Jennifer or Grace Nolan
Ecclesiastes 5:8-12

Leader:

If you see the poor oppressed in a district,
and justice and rights denied,

Congregation:
do not be surprised at such things;
for one official is eyed by a higher one,
and over them both are others higher still.

Leader:

The increase from the land is taken by all;
the king himself profits from the fields.

Congregation:

Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

Leader:

This too is meaningless.

Congregation:

As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.

Leader:

And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

Congregation

The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much.

Leader:

But as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #433 (v. 1, 2, 4) My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SPECIAL MUSIC (Liturgical Dance) The Goodness of God

SERMON Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Temporary Matters”

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***SENDING SONG** Sing Wherever I Go

(chorus) All my life, all I know,
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low,

I'm gonna sing wherever I go. (*repeat chorus*)

God is for me; he's not against me.

I will hold to the plans he has for me.

When I'm broken, he will fix me.

I will call on the name of the Lord. (*chorus*)

He's my heart song in my sorrow.

He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.

And when the storms rise all around me,

I will call on the name of the Lord (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) I got joy, joy, joy, deep in my soul!

I will sing, sing, sing, wherever I go! (*chorus*)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

• TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: *Cathy Fredlund* / Screen Monitor: *Peggy Schwetz*

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)

11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

- THE LITURGIUCAL DANCE group, led by Jessica Bedosky, is Willow Bothroyd, Adrianna Rodriguez, and Elin Saghafi.

• THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:30 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)

6:30 pm Nystrom's Track

7:00 pm Zoom Prayer

Tue. 9:30 am Women's Study (Conference Room)

5:00 pm Prayer (church office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

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

6:30 pm Tres Dias Secuela (Fellowship Room)

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

10:00 am Worship

4:00 pm CHYG Mother/Daughter Mini-Retreat

- ZOOM PRAYER: Monday nights, 7:00-7:30 pm. Contact Jessica Bedosky (jbed546@aol.com or 203-910-0945) or Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org or 860-605-8040) for the Zoom link.
- WM BOOK CLUB The group next meets on Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 pm at Cathy Fredlund's (298 Valley View Road, Thomaston). The book to read is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger.
- NIGHT OF HOPE at the Opera House: Several Thomaston churches and their Worship Teams will join together on Friday night, May 30, at 7:00 pm to worship and sing and raise funds for the Town Pantry. Contact: Glenn Hafele (glennhafele11@gmail.com or 860-309-2065).
- COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP is hosted by the boards (CE, M&E, Trustees and Diaconate), Women Ministries, and the Social Committee. Each group hosts two months per year. If you want to sign up to host a particular Sunday, a clipboard is on the Kitchen counter. Food and beverages are provided by the church, so only setup, serving, and cleanup are needed.
- 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).

- 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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• BANQUET OF BLESSING

- Need: Spaghettios, canned green beans, sandwich bags, plastic wrap, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper.
- No perishable foods. Check expiration dates: We don't give away out-of-date food.