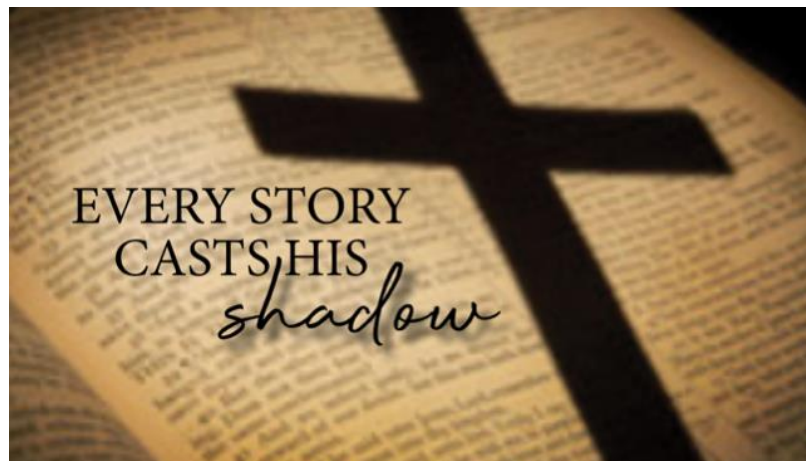


COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



May 25, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“The Plot and the Protection”
Esther 4:11-17

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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 Ever Be

Your love is devoted, like a ring of solid gold,
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old.
Your love is enduring, through the winter rain,
And beyond the horizon, with mercy for today.

(pre-chorus 1) Faithful you have been, and faithful you will be
You pledge yourself to me, and it's why I sing,

(chorus)

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

You father the orphan; your kindness makes us whole.
You shoulder our weakness,
and your strength becomes our own.

You're making me like you, clothing me in white,
Bringing beauty from ashes, for you will have your bride,

(pre-chorus 2) Free of all her guilt, and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name, and it's why I sing, *(chorus)*
(chorus)

(bridge) You will be praised; you will be praised,
With angels and saints we sing, "Worthy are you, Lord."
You will be praised; you will be praised,
With angels and saints we sing, "Worthy are you, Lord,"

(bridge tag) And it's why I sing, *(chorus)* *(chorus)*.

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Great Are You, Lord

You give life; you are love; you bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; you restore every heart that is broken
Great are you, Lord!

(chorus) It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise; we pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to you only. *(repeat from top)*

(chorus)

(bridge) All the earth will shout your praise.

Our hearts will cry; these bones will sing.

Great are you, Lord! *(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)*

(chorus) (chorus)

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Gina Whaley

Psalm 34:1-8

Leader:

I will extol the Lord at all times.

His praise will always be on my lips.

Congregation:

I will glory in the Lord.

Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader:

Glorify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt his name together.

Congregation:

I sought the Lord, and he answered me.

He delivered me from all my fears.

Leader:

Those who look to him are radiant.

Their faces are never covered with shame.

Congregation:

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him.

He saved him out of all his troubles.

Leader:

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Congregation

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #422 (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**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

Precious Love

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“The Plot and the Protection”

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SENDING SONG King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,

The fountain I drink from. Oh, he is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,

The ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song.

(chorus) You are good; good, oh oh.

You are good; good, oh oh. You are good; good, oh oh.

You are good; good, oh oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,

The anchor in the waves. Oh he is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins.

The echo of my days. Oh he is my song. *(chorus)*

(bridge) You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. *(chorus)*

(tag) When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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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: *Patricia Vigeant, Megan Campbell* / Screen

Monitor: *Peggy Schwetz*

11:15 am Celebration luncheon (Fellowship Room)

• THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30 pm Walking Nystrom's Track

7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - Night of Hope

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)

Thu. 4:00 pm Cookie Prep. for Night of Hope

6:30 pm WM Book Club (Cathy Fredlund's)

7:00 pm WT Rehearsal (Opera House)

Fri. 7:00 pm Night of Hope (Opera House)

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

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Quarterly Business meeting (Sanctuary)

- THE JUNE CALENDAR is available in the wings and in the Narthex.

- NIGHT OF HOPE COOKIES: Be sure to **bring your cookies** for the Night of Hope cookie fundraiser to the church Fellowship Room **by no later than 4:00 pm this Thursday**, when we will assemble them in boxes and bags for Friday night.

Please bake! Help sort them out on Thursday. Help to sell them on Friday night at the Opera House. Contact: Lori Vigeant:

- WM BOOK CLUB This Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 pm at Cathy Fredlund's. The book is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger.
- NIGHT OF HOPE at the Opera House: Come to the Opera House this Friday night, May 30, at 7:00 pm to worship and sing and raise funds for the Town Pantry. Contact: Glenn Hafele

- NOTE: QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING next Sunday after worship.

- RESPITE CARE The diaconate is trying to begin a respite care ministry for caregivers of our older members. If you are willing to go and sit with an older member while their caregiver goes to an appointment, grocery shopping, or just for a walk to get out, please contact Janet Cappelletti or Cathy Fredlund, (even if you have already notified us). No medical knowledge needed, just a willingness to go and visit. Thank you for being a steward!

- WM GRADUATES PICNIC: All women of the church are invited to attend a Graduation Celebration on June 17 at 6:00 pm at the home of Cathy Fredlund. Please bring a potluck dish to share. (graduates and their moms excluded). Dessert will be provided by Women Ministries. Our 2025 graduates are Alexa Sanson, Kiersten Sundell, Megan Campbell, Zoe Miller, Emily Morton, and Jackie Phillips. The Youth Group young women and their moms have also been invited. Contacts: Cathy Fredlund or Martha Tillow.

- ZOOM PRAYER: Monday nights, 7:00-7:30 pm. Contact Jessica Bedosky or Ruth Johnson for the Zoom link.

- 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.

- USED RUG AVAILABLE: The rug that was used in the Potter's House (now rolled up in the craft area) is available to anyone who wants it. Contact: Bee Bothroyd.