

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



**June 1, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“The Gatekeeper and the Grace”
Jonah 4:1-11**

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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 Ten Thousand Reasons

(chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, — — —
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(chorus)*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; — — —
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending: — — —
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Forevermore! *(chorus)*

I'll worship your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship your holy name.

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This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

(chorus) This is amazing grace.
This is unfailing love,
That you would take my place,
That you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life

That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that you've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (*chorus*)

bridge) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy (*chorus*)

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Janet Ryan Cappelletti
Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader:
As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this
world

Congregation:
**and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is
now at work in those who are disobedient.**

Leader:
All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the
cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

Congregation:
Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Leader:
But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ

Congregation:
**even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by
grace you have been saved.**

Leader:
And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the
heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Congregation
**in order that in the coming ages he might show the
incomparable riches of his grace,**

Leader:
expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Congregation
**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —
and this is not from yourselves,**

Leader:
It is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

Congregation
**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do**

Leader:
This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation:
Thanks be to God!

Hymn #341 (v. 1-4) Amazing Grace

**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

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“The Gatekeeper and the Grace”

Jonah 4:1-11

(p. 1325 in the pew Bible)

RESPONSE SONG By His Wounds

He was pierced for our transgressions.

He was crushed for our sins.

The punishment that brought us peace –
was upon him – And by his wounds,
by his wounds we are healed. *(repeat)*

We are healed – by your sacrifice,

In the life that you gave.

We are healed – for you paid the price.

By your grace we are saved, we are saved.

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(tag) And by his wounds, by his wounds –

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Please come forward down a side aisle to one of the two
stations and return to your seat by the center aisle.

If you wish to remain seated and receive communion,
one of our deacons will come to you.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

• TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: *Gina Whaley, Lauren Whaley* / Screen

Monitor: *Martha Tillow*

11:30 am Quarterly Business meeting (Sanctuary)

7:30 pm Missions & Evangelism (Zoom)

• THIS WEEK

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

6:30 pm Walking Nystrom's Track

8:00 pm Zoom Prayer (**Note time change**)

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)

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

10:00 am Worship (Children's Day, Confirmation)

11:30 am Children's Day Lunch (Fellowship Room)

• **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Please join us for our June
quarterly business meeting this morning after worship.

• **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 or Martha Tillow.

- **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!
- **Zoom PRAYER**: Monday nights, **8:00-8:30 pm (Note time change)**. 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. 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.
- **PICNIC, SUNDAY, JUNE 29, Noon-4:00 pm**: Valerie Chausse invites you all to come after worship on June 29 for a picnic at her home. Bring your own table service and chair, plus a potluck dish and dessert to share. The grill will be available. Beverages will be provided. Contact: Valerie Chausse.
- **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.