

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



May 4, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“Heart Matters”
Matthew 19:16-26 and Luke 21:1-4

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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 God So Loved (Hillsong)

(chorus) For God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son,
Whosoever believes will not perish.
They shall have eternal life.

I shall hold to the cross.
I shall hold to God alone,
For his love has salvaged me,
For his love has set me free. *(chorus)*

I shall wait upon the Lord.
I shall wait upon his word,
By his grace I am released,
By his grace I am redeemed. *(chorus)*

Instrumental

(bridge) By his precious blood
I have been set free,
For the glory of Jesus' name.
I surrender all now to Christ the Lord.
In Jesus I am saved. *(repeat bridge) (chorus)*

(tag) Yes, they shall have eternal life.

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Evidence

(chorus) I see the evidence of your goodness
All over my life, all over my life.
I see your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life.

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season from where I'm standing. *(chorus)*

Help me remember when I'm weak,
Fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory.

You are my strength, and you always will be. *(chorus)*

(bridge) See the cross, the empty grave.

The evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away

Because of you, oh, Jesus. *(repeat bridge)*

O-o-h *(chorus) (chorus)*

(tag) Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Oh, why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Ruth Johnson

Jeremiah 17:5-10

*Medley #372 Change My Heart, O God
 #375 (v. 1, 3, 4) Take my Life and Let It Be

**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

I Will Follow

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Heart Matters”

Matthew 19:16-26 and Luke 21:1-4

(pp. 1403 and 1500 in the pew Bible)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

SENDING SONG Good God Almighty (Congregations sings
bold)

(chorus) Good God Almighty, I hope you'll find me

Praising your name no matter what comes.

'Cause I know where I'd be without your mercy,

So I keep praising your name at the top of my lungs.

(instrumental)

I can't count the times I've called

Your name some broken night,

And you showed up and patched me up

Like you do every time.

I get amnesia; I forget that you keep coming around.

Ain't no way you'll ever let me down. **(chorus)**

(bridge 1) Tell me, is he good? **(He is good.)**

Tell me, is he God? **(He is God.)**

He is **good God Almighty.**

You say your love goes on forever,

That your mercy never stops.

So why would I assume you'd be

Somebody that you're not?

Like sun in the morning,

I know you're gonna be there every day,

So what on earth could make me be afraid? **(chorus)**

(bridge 1)

(bridge 2) Praise him in the morning.

Praise him in the noontime.

Praise him when the sun goes down.

Love him in the morning. Love him in the noontime.

Love him when the sun goes down

(chorus) (bridge 1)

(bridge 3) Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.

Jesus when the sun goes down *(repeat bridge 3)*

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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: Lori Vigeant / Screen Monitor: Martha Tillow

- **TODAY, CONTINUED**

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)
 4:00 pm CHYG
 7:30 pm M&E Board (Zoom)

- **THIS WEEK**

Mon. 10:30 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)
 6:30 pm Nystrom's Track
 7:00 pm Zoom Prayer
 Tue. 5:00 pm Prayer (church office)
 Wed. 9:00 am Kitchen Detail
 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)
 Fri. 4:30 pm Lasagna Dinner (Fellowship Room)
 Sat. 9:00-5:00 Private (Gathering Room)
 Trailblazers/Pathfinders Bowling Party
 (Time TBD – Parents will be notified)
 Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C
 10:00 am Worship
 11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

- **A NEW MAY CALENDAR** is available in the wings and in the Narthex (has several additions).
- **WALK NYSTROM'S TRACK**: Starting this week on Mondays at 6:30 pm (weather permitting). Contact: Peggy Schwetz.
- **LASAGNA FOR CAMPERSHIPS** this Friday! May 9, 4:30-6:30, Tickets ahead or at the door. Plan for a delicious dinner made by our own talented cooks. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, (maximum \$40 per family). Takeout available.
- **Zoom Prayer**: Join us on Monday nights, 7:00-7:30 pm, to pray. Contact Jessica Bedosky or Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchhomaston.org) for the Zoom link.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

Covenant Church of Thomaston
 Giving Page QR Code



- **BANQUET OF BLESSING**
 - Need, solid white tuna, Spaghetios, canned green beans, creamed corn, mixed vegetables, paper towels, toilet paper.
 - No perishable foods. Check expiration dates: We don't give away out-of-date food.