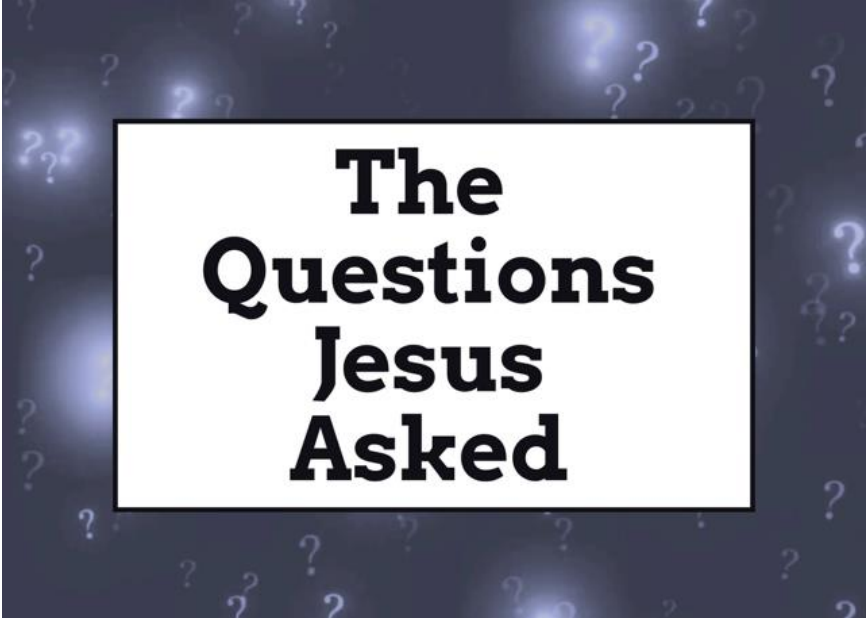


# COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus  
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



## The Questions Jesus Asked

**July 6, 2025**  
**Worship 10:00 am**  
**“What Do You Want?”**  
**John 1:29-42**

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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

Jesus

There is a truth older than the ages.  
There is a promise of things yet to come.  
There is One born for our salvation, Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us, Jesus, Jesus,  
(chorus 1) Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea,  
Who stands in the fire beside me.  
He roars like a lion, he bled as the Lamb.  
He carries my healing in his hands, Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.  
There is a song that comforts in the night.  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages;  
He is Jesus, Jesus. (chorus 1)

(bridge) Messiah, my Savior, there is power in your name.  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer.  
There is power in your name, in your name.

(chorus 2) You walk on the waters; you speak to the sea.  
You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion; you bled as the lamb.  
You carry my healing in your hands. (repeat chorus 2)

Jesus. There is no one like you, Jesus.  
There is no one like you.

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### Praise Your Name

(chorus) I praise your name among the nations,  
I praise your name with all my heart.  
I join my voice with all creation,  
Giving you praise for who you are. (repeat chorus)

(verse) And the rocks will not cry out before me.  
I will ever sing your praise.  
Blessings you have poured out on me,

And everything,  
Lord, you gave everything and more! (*chorus*)  
(*verse*) (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) Alleluia, Allelu.  
Alleluia, Allelu. (*repeat bridge*) (*chorus*)

(*tag*) Giving you praise for who you are.  
Giving you praise for who you are.

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

### **HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD** Ruth Johnson

Psalm 145:13-21

Leader:

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**Congregation:**

**The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.**

Leader:

The Lord upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**Congregation:**

**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.**

Leader:

You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**Congregation:**

**The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.**

Leader:

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

**Congregation:**

**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.**

Leader:

The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**Congregation:**

**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord

**Congregation:**

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #451 It is Well with My Soul

## **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

**“What Do You Want?”**

**John 1:29-42**

(p. 1510 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** The Jesus Way

If you curse me, then I will bless you.

If you hurt me, I will forgive.

If you hate me, then I will love you.

I choose the Jesus way

If you're helpless, I will defend you,

If you're burdened, I'll share the weight.

And if you're hopeless, then let me show you,

There's hope in the Jesus way

(*chorus*) I follow Jesus; I follow Jesus.

He wore my sin; I'll gladly wear his name.

He is the treasure; he is the answer.  
Oh, I choose the Jesus way.

If you strike me, I will embrace you.  
If you chain me, I'll sing his praise.  
If you kill me, my home is heaven,  
For I choose the Jesus way (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) I choose surrender; I choose love.  
Oh, God my Savior, you'll always be enough.  
I choose forgiveness; I choose grace.  
I choose to worship, no matter what I face.  
I choose the Jesus way; I choose the Jesus way;  
I choose the Jesus way; I choose the Jesus way;

(*chorus*) (*chorus*)  
(*tag*) Oh, I choose the Jesus way.

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

### • TODAY

9:30 am Summer Sunday School in the Potter's House  
10:00 am Worship  
Nursery: *Cathy Fredlund* / Screen Monitor: *Peggy Schwetz*  
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship  
7:00 pm M & E Board (Zoom)

### • THIS WEEK

Mon	6:30 pm	Walking Nystrom's Track
	7:00 pm	Summer Concert Outreach (Seth Thomas Park)
	8:00 pm	Zoom Prayer
Tue.	5:00 pm	Prayer (Church Office)
Wed.	6:30 pm	NA (Fellowship Room)
	7:00 pm	Summer Seminar (Zoom)
Thu	7:30 pm	WM Book Club (Martha Tillow's)
Fri.	6:00 pm	Worship Music Night (Southbury Calvary)
Sat.	10:00 am	WM Book Swap ((Linda Chandon's)
	10:00-2:00	Snow cones for Thomaston's 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Family Fun Day (Nystrom's Park)
Sun.	9:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Potter's House)
	10:00 am	Worship

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 pm Diaconate (Conference Room)

- **TOUGH QUESTIONS OF THE FAITH** : Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 pm. People have a lot of questions that prevent them from even considering belief in Jesus. How can we answer these questions without sounding off-putting or self-righteous? We are having a series of conversations via Zoom (contact Pastor Stephanie for the link) on Wednesday evenings about these obstacles about how not just to respond to questions but also how to have a posture of humility with those who are struggling to understand and believe. (**Upcoming dates: 7/9, 7/30, 8/6, and 8/13**)
- **WM BOOK CLUB** : Book Club meets Thursday, July 10, at 6:30 pm. at Martha Tillow's. The book is *Boat Baby* by Vicky Nguyen.
- **WORSHIP MUSIC NIGHT**: Friday, July 11, 6:00 pm, at Southbury Calvary Church (354 Kettletown Road, Southbury). Our Worship Team is part of the program. Add your name to the sign-up sheet if you want to ride in the van (leave our church at 5:15 pm).
- **WM BOOK SWAP- NOVELS AND NIBBLES**: Saturday, July 12, 10 am. at Linda Chandon's. Bring any books you would like to swap/share and be prepared to take home some new reads.
- **150TH CELEBRATION-NYSTROMS FAMILY FUN DAY**: Saturday, July 12, at Nystroms Park, 10:00-2:00. We are looking for volunteers to serve snow cones and greet the families. To volunteer for a two-hour period contact Cathy Fredlund.
- **Zoom PRAYER**: Monday nights, 8:00-8:30 pm. Contact Jessica Bedosky or Ruth Johnson 860-605-8040 or [cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org](mailto:cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org)) for the Zoom link.
- **RESPITE CARE**: The diaconate is developing 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!

- **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.

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