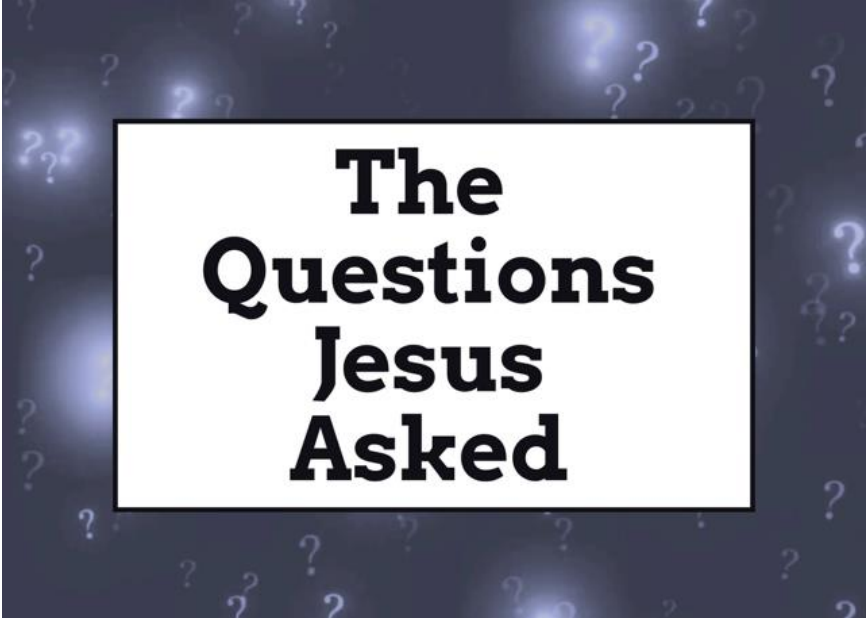


COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



The Questions Jesus Asked

July 13, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“Who Are My Mother and My Brothers?”
Mark 3:20-34

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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 The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

(chorus) Father, let your Kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven,
Right here in my heart. *(repeat chorus)*

(verse) Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us; Forgive us.

As we forgive the ones who sinned against us,
Forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
Let your kingdom come.

(chorus)(chorus)(verse)

(bridge 1) It's yours; it's yours, all yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.
It's yours; it's yours, all yours, all yours.
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.

(bridge 2) It's yours (it's yours); it's yours (it's yours),
All yours (all yours), all yours (all yours).
The kingdom (kingdom), the power (power),
the glory are yours.
It's yours (it's yours); it's yours (it's yours),
All yours (all yours), all yours (all yours).
Forever (forever) and ever (and ever)
the kingdom is yours.

(chorus) (chorus)

(tag) On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

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Firm Foundation (He Won't)

(verse 1) Christ is my firm foundation,
The rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken,

I've never been more glad,
that I put my faith in Jesus,
'Cause he's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations.
So why would he fail now?

(chorus 1) He won't. He won't.

(verse 2) I've still got joy in chaos;
I've got peace that makes no sense.
I won't be going under.
I'm not held by my own strength,
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus.
He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season,
so why would he fail now?

(chorus 2) He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!
He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

(verse 1)

(chorus 3) He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

(instrumental)

(bridge) Rain came; wind blew.
But my house was built on you.
I'm safe with you. I'm gonna make it through.

(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)

(vamp) Yeah, I'm gonna make it through,
'Cause I'm standing strong on you.
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through,
'Cause my house is built on you. *(verse 1)*

(chorus 2) He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!
He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

(tag) No, he won't.

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Ruth Johnson

Philippians 2:1-4, 12, 13

Leader:

Therefore if you have any encouragement
from being united with Christ,
if any comfort from his love,
if any common sharing in the Spirit,
if any tenderness and compassion,

Congregation:

**then make my joy complete by being like-minded,
having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.**

Leader:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

Congregation:

**not looking to your own interests
but each of you to the interests of the others.**

Leader:

Therefore, my dear friends,
as you have always obeyed—

Congregation:

**not only in my presence,
but now much more in my absence—**

Leader:

continue to work out your salvation
with fear and trembling,

Congregation:

**for it is God who works in you to will and to act
in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #365 (v. 1, 3, 4)

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

**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

Hold onto Me

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Who Are My Mother and My Brothers?”

Mark 3:20-34

(p. 1428 in the pew Bible)

SENDING SONG (Congregation sings **bold**)

All My Hope

I've been held by the Savior I've felt fire from above.
I've been down to that river.
I ain't the same, a prodigal returned.

**(chorus) All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God my yesterday's gone.
All my sins are forgiven.
I've been washed by the blood.**

I'm no stranger to the prison.
I've worn shackles and chains,
But I've been freed and forgiven.
I'm not goin' back. I'll never be the same.
That's why I sing: **(chorus)**

(bridge)
There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man,
Breaks him down to his knees.
God, I've been broken more than a time or two;
Yes, I have.
He picked me up and showed me
what it means to be a man.
That's why I sing: **(chorus)**

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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

- **PASTOR STEPHANIE'S VACATION** starts tomorrow, 7/14 through 7/28. If you have pastoral needs while she is away, please contact Cathy Fredlund or John Bedosky.

• **THIS WEEK**

Mon	8:00 pm	Zoom Prayer
Tue.	5:00 pm	Prayer (Church Office)
Wed.	6:30 pm	NA (Fellowship Room)
Fri.	6:00 pm	Crafty Friday (Potter's House)
	6:30 pm	Tres Dias Secuela (Fellowship)
Sun.	9:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Potter's House)
	10:00 am	Worship – Dr. Jessica Carter
	11:15 am	Coffee Fellowship

- **ZOOM PRAYER:** Monday nights, 8:00-8:30 pm. Contact Jessica Bedosky or Ruth Johnson (860-605-8040 or cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org) for the Zoom link.
- **RESPIRE 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!
- **KIDS CAMP:** Mark your summer calendar for Vacation Bible School – for Pre-K3 through Grade 6 – the evenings of August 17-19. We plan to hold it outdoors again at Nystrom's Pavilion. Each evening session will begin with supper before programming. If you want to help, contact Christy Barrett.
- **Banquet of Blessing**
 - Need: crackers, snack bars/fruit bars, toilet paper.
 - No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.

- **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 Linda Lawrence.
- **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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