

THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Morning Worship

Season of Pentecost

9:30 am

Prelude

Tricia Dunn

Greeting & Notices

- *Call to Worship #235 (vs. 1, 2) The Old Rugged Cross
- *Hymn #223 I Will Sing of My Redeemer
- *Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer (debts)

The Reading of Scripture: Lay Reader:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (page 163 in the pew Bible)

Luke 14:25-33 (page 850)

Response to the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #112

Confession of Sin (unison)

God heals and forgives us. We need your healing;

merciful God; give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us; some escape us;

some we cannot face.

Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you. Amen

(moment for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Special Music:

The Wonder of Your Cross
Ruth Johnson and Nick Samela

The Giving of Gifts – GIVE THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING:

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me. Psalm 50:14-15

Offertory

*Doxology: #48 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #235 (vs. 3, 4)

The Old Rugged Cross

Homily

Pastor Tim Olsen

"I Will Ever Be True"

Song #372

Change My Heart, O God

Celebration of Holy Communion

Call and Invitation

Affirmation of Faith #878

The Apostle's Creed

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn #677

Christ for The World We Sing

Benediction

Postlude

If standing during the singing presents a problem for you,
please feel free to remain seated.

Welcome to the Covenant Church of Thomaston. If there is any way we can be of service, please do not hesitate to ask. Please join us for a time of fellowship downstairs following the service.

Please remember that **when the usher lights the candles** at 10 minutes before the service begins, it is time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship. Please take advantage of the time following worship for visiting, fellowship and church business.

Calendar:

Today: *Nursery (infants through age 5): Joyce Lush, Ryan Bergamo*

Tue. 7:00 pm Prayer

Thur. 6:30 am Men's Study

7:30 pm Choir

Sat. 9:00 am WM Walking at Northfield Dam

Sun. 8:15 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

noon Potluck

We welcome Tricia Dunn to the church this morning as our new Choir Director and Organist!

Women's Bible Study: All women of the church are invited to attend a Bible Study on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Gathering Room. Our first meeting, however, will be a start-up brunch on September 9, 9:30, at the home of Cathy Fredlund (298 Valley View Road, Thomaston). We will decide what we want to study this fall. RSVP to Cathy (860 283-8582). Feel free to bring a friend!

Sunday School starts September 12 with classes for all ages, 3 through adults. We need a co-teacher for the grade 7 & 8 class,

plus a teacher's helper for the 1st & 2nd grade class (it would really be great to have a guy for this – lots of energy needed).

D/C: Our first event will be an Ice Cream Social on Sept 12 at 6:00 p.m. All seventh and eighth grade students, their families and friends welcome! Student Books will be available for \$15 each.

CHYG starts on September 19 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Potluck, September 12, noon: After the second service we will have a meal together, fellowship and enjoy each other's company! Bring something amazing, healthy and/or hearty to share! (Desserts and beverages will be provided.)

Quarterly Business Meeting, September 19, noon.

See You at the Pole: September 22 at 7 a.m. Thomaston High School students will meet around the flag pole at THS for songs, scripture and prayers for our school, our town, our state, our country.

Children's Church starts again in September and we are looking for a few more volunteers so that no one has to serve more than 4 times per year. You must be an official member of the church. If interested, please contact Jessica Bedosky (jbed546@aol.com or 203 267-5639).

Newcomers and Membership Class: Persons interested in learning more about the Covenant Church of Thomaston and our mission or in meeting other newcomers to the church family can sign up for 6 class sessions on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., beginning October 17. Contact Pastor Tim.

Offerings at 35 Weeks (through 8/29/2010)	Budget Goal	Actual
Weekly Average	\$3,557.69	\$3,168.48
Over (under) for week		(\$389.21)
Over (under) for year		(\$13,622.47)
Over (under) in weeks		(3.83 wks)
Year to Date	\$124,519.15	\$110,926.68 (10.9%)

A request for thoughtfulness: If you consider yourself to be "able-bodied," when arriving for worship, please park somewhere away from the front doors of the church on Grove Street and leave those parking places for others for whom walking is difficult. For some of us, the trek up the Clay Street hill on the north side of the church presents serious challenges.

The Wonder of Your Cross

The wonder of your cross shall be our meditation,
 To gather in that shadow as the sun went down,
 To weep with those who thought that you were leaving,
 you were leaving, Jesus,
 The humble King who never wore an earthly crown.

To steal away at night when they took down your body,
 With love and tears to leave you in a borrowed grave,
 To go with Mary to that place they laid you,
 Where they laid you, Jesus,
 And in the morning find the stone was rolled away.

(chorus) The cross, O the wonderful cross.
 What glory, what victory I've found.
 I'll come to the wonderful cross,
 And my whole life I lay down.

Were heaven's praises silent in those hours of darkness, Your
 Holy Spirit brooding 'round that empty throne,
 Until the declaration, "He is risen!"
 You are risen, Jesus!
 "He is not dead. Behold, he lives forevermore!" *(chorus)*

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Serving in the War: T.J. Turner (cousin of Tim Sundell and Lisa Sundell Olsen) (Afghanistan); **Scott Malone** (Faith Hull's nephew) (Marines, Afghanistan); **1st Sgt. Paul Vicinus** (close friend of Kristin and Maurizio Costantini) (Afghanistan); **Derek Roy** (son of Dan and Valerie Cyr) (Army National Guard, Danbury); **Emily Johnson** (niece of Karen & Chip Gill) (Army, Germany); **Sgt. David Famiglietti** (nephew of the Hackerts) (Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada); **Cadet Brad Hackert** (USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado). If you can update this information, please contact the Office Manager.

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