

THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

Sept 15, 2019

Season of Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Prelude Tricia Dunn Oporto

Welcome and Notices

Introit (insert) Reckless Love

*Call to Worship (congregation reads **bold** print)

The way is long:

Let us go together.

The way is difficult:

Let us help each other.

The way is joyful;

Let us share it.

The way is Christ's, for Christ is the way;

Let us follow.

The love of God, the grace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be present with us in our worship.

*Hymn #11 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Reading of the Scriptures: Lay Reader, Jessica Bedosky

Psalm 14 (page 430 in the pew Bible)

Luke 15:1-10 (page 850)

Response to the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #112

Special Music Broken Vessels

Children's Moment Rachel Ewers

Prayer for Military Personnel Kenneth Richardson
(Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC)

Offering- The Giving of Gifts – GIVE TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S

BLESSINGS: *Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*

Offertory

*Doxology #48 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Sermon Lisa Sundell Olsen

"It's a Group Activity"

Special Music I Belong

Prayers of the Church

*Hymn #219

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

*Benediction

*Postlude

Tricia Dunn Oporto

If standing during the singing presents a problem for you, please feel free to remain seated. Assistive listening devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance if you need one.

Today

8:30 am Prayer (South Wing Prayer Room)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship, followed by Potluck and Quarterly
Business Meeting

Nursery (ages 0-5): *Melanie Dobos, Kiersten Sundell*

4:00 pm CHYG, D/C and Trailblazers
Discipleship Group

Nursery: Go to the front of the Sanctuary. Turn right; go through the Gathering Room, and turn right again toward the Exit door. The Nursery is left of the exit.

Calendar

Mon. 9:30 am 39ers Study, Gathering Room
6:30 pm Women's Discipleship, Potter's House
Tues 6:30 pm Women's PM Study, Library
6:30 pm Prayer, Potter's House
7:00 pm Living Free Class, Fellowship Room
Wed. 6:30 pm NA, Fellowship Room
7:00 pm Guatemala Team, Potter's House
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal
Thur. 6:30 am Men's Study, Potter's House
9:30 am Women's Study, Potter's House
6:30 pm Grief Support, Gathering Room
6:30 pm Alpha Team Potluck, Fellowship Room
Fri. 7:00 pm Potter's House Outreach Teams
7:00 pm Potter's House (open for drop-ins)
Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Pines
Sun. 8:30 am Prayer, South Wing Prayer Room
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am Worship
1:30 pm Membership Class, Fellowship Room
4:00 pm CHYG, D/C, Trailblazers

WM Gardeners' Market: God-given bounty from our home gardens is available every Sunday morning during Fellowship time. Everyone is welcome to contribute their produce and everyone is welcome to take something home. Payment is voluntary and the proceeds are used for Women Ministries activities and benevolences.

Banquet of Blessing: Please remember to keep us stocked (with good expire dates, please – we cannot give away out of date food). Thank you.

The Potter's House is open for coffee, conversation and prayer on **Friday nights, 7:00-10:00**, staffed by Peggy Steinis and Pastor Ann. We would love to have you to help staff it; contact Pastor Ann or Peggy (must be two people present always). Please share a Potter's House business card (in the Potter's House) with anyone who might want to come in.

Online Giving: If you are a person who has committed to give the same amount every week, giving online really makes sense. To set up regular online giving to the Covenant Church go to www.covchurchthomaston.org and click on the About tab.

Meal Coordinator: Providing a meal to someone during a difficult time is one way to show how much we care. If you know someone who might benefit, contact Sandy Dunn (860 483-2015 or daytondunn@mac.com).

Senior Pastor: Rev. Timothy C. Olsen: 860 283-9146,
(pastor@covchurchthomaston.org)

Congregational Care Pastor: Gary Freimuth 860 283-4540,
(ggfriemuth@optonline.net)

Outreach Pastor and Prayer Chain Coordinator: Ann Carr 860 567-9178
(aecann@optimum.net)

Discipleship Pastor: Elizabeth Whitney: 860 921-3118 (eamwhitney@yahoo.com)

Meal Coordinator: Sandra Dunn: 860 483-2015 (daytondunn@mac.com)

Office Manager: Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org)

Sextons: Dave Krasnowski, Melanie Dobos

Music: Organ & Choir: Tricia Dunn Oporto Bassoon: Brenda Tousignant

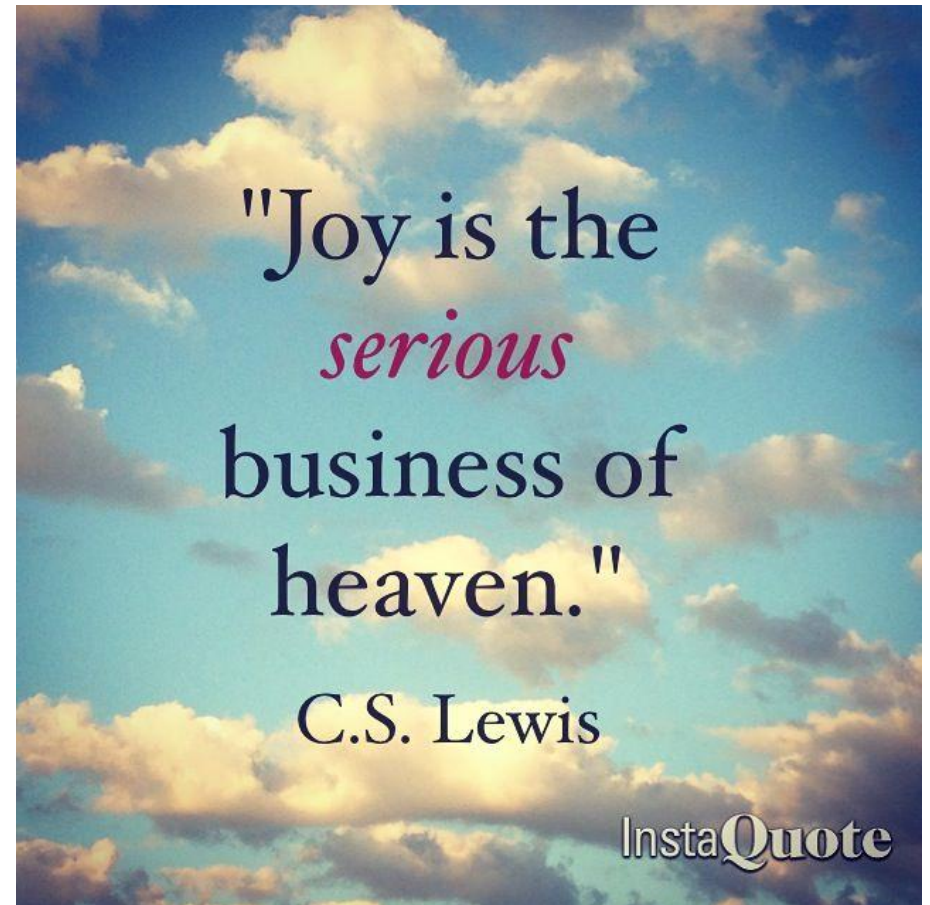
Youth: Senior High (CHYG) – Lisa Sundell Olsen

Junior High – (no Counselor) Trailblazers – Rachel Ewers

Pathfinders – Linda Hansen & Brenda Tousignant

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Quarterly Business Meeting: Today at 11:40 after a fellowship potluck. All are invited and encouraged to come to the meeting after, especially all board members.

Next Potter's House Downtown outreach is Friday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. We will meet to pray and walk downtown to talk with, bless, pray for, and invite people to the Potter's House.

Membership Class, September 22 and 29 at 1:30 pm (Sunday afternoons): For all newcomers and anyone interested in becoming a member of the church. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested.

Torrington Soup Kitchen: Our next time to serve will be Saturday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We prep the meal 10:00-11:30 and serve 11:30-12:30. Food is provided. Contact Kim Duffany (860 601-1395 or duffanyk@yahoo.com) for more information.

Safe Church Training for all who work with our children and youth (Sunday School, youth groups, Nurserv) will be on **Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 a.m. (Defibrillator training will be at 11:15.)** (Also, background checks are needed – if you haven't yet done yours, get a form from the table outside the church office and turn it in to Ruth Johnson, the Office Manager.).

Adult Sunday School Class: Study of Romans, in the Library. Bring your Bible. Contact Ken Semeraro (203-768-3631 or kends76@aol.com) for more information.

Choir Members Needed: We are in need of choir members! All are welcome – men, women, children, teens. We have a lot of fun. Practice is on Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m. Contact Antoinette Krasnowski or Ruth Johnson if you are interested in singing.

Ministry to Prisoners & Families: Names and addresses of prisoners we currently correspond with, along with corrections department instructions for being sure they get our cards and letters, are posted on the bulletin board in the Potter's House. Please take an instruction sheet and contact information for one of our prisoners.

Reckless Love

Introit

Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, you breathed your life into me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

(chorus) Oh, the overwhelming,
never-ending reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights till I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine.
Oh, I couldn't earn it; I don't deserve it.
Still you give yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming,
Never-ending, reckless love of God.

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me *(chorus)*

(bridge) There's not shadow you won't light up,
Mountain you won't climb up, comin' after me.
There's no wall you won't kick down,
Lie you won't teardown, comin' after me.
(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge) (chorus)

(tag) Oh, the overwhelming,
Never-ending, reckless love of God.

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Living Free from the Deadly Trap of Offense. Tuesdays in September, 7 pm in the Fellowship Room. 30-minute videos and discussion. The book, *The Bait of Satan*, is recommended but not required. The book features an excellent 30-day devotional study guide in the back.

World Vision Fund Raiser: Emily Butkevich is running the Grand Rapids Half Marathon in Michigan with Team World Vision on October 20 to help raise funds to provide uncontaminated water to children and families in need. To donate, go to <https://www.teamworldvision.org/participant/emily-butkevich>. Just \$50 provides clean water for 1 person for life!