

THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude Tricia Dunn Oporto
Welcome and Life Together Pastor Tim
Choral Introit In Your House, O Lord
Call to Worship Pastor Ann

The Lord is our light and our salvation – whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our life – of whom shall we be afraid?
We ask one thing of the Lord – to dwell in his house all the days of our life, that we may gaze upon his beauty and seek him in his temple.
We can remain confident of this: that we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

\*Hymn #195 Shine, Jesus Shine
\*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord’s Prayer (debts)

THE WORD

Old Testament Readings: Dave McClay
Psalm 123
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Response to the Reading:
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession Pastor Tim
God of grace and truth, in Christ Jesus you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less.
We repent, we confess our sins. . .
Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your forgiveness, grace and mercy, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song (insert) Come Alive

Sermon Pastor Tim Olsen
“Questions 3: Will We Ever Catch Our Breath?”

RESPONSE

\*Song (insert) I Will Rise
Prayers of the Church Pastor Ann
Offering: GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS
\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Tim

SENDING

\*Hymn #685 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
\*Charge & 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)
10:00 am Worship

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.

Wednesdays of Lent: Next Wednesday’s Lenten Soup and Bread at First Congregational is cancelled but the message will be streaming live at 6:30 p.m. on the First Congregational Church’s Facebook page. Pastor Marcus Lee is the speaker.

Church Board Meeting: The Board meets this morning at 11:45 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Room. Attendance is either in person or electronically.

Cleaning the Attic is postponed, BUT anyone (Boards, Committees, etc.) who has things stored in the church attic: Sort through and mark the stuff you need to keep! After (a date to be determined), unclaimed items will be tossed. Then each board or committee will have a designated table/area to store their items.

**Flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter:** We still will celebrate Easter worship, even if the date gets shifted. If you would like to purchase flowers for that Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, they will be \$10 each and there will be a variety. Contact Antoinette Krasnowski (203 206-3165 or [ann121959@optonline.net](mailto:ann121959@optonline.net)) by no later than Sunday, April 5. Please pay her in cash or by a check (made out to Antoinette Krasnowski, not the church – mail to her at 220 South Main Street, Thomaston) so she can track how much to give the florist. List how many flowers you want and who they are in memory of. A list of contributors and memorial dedications will be published in the bulletin on whenever we hold our Easter celebration.

**Banquet of Blessing:** Please remember to keep us stocked (with good expire dates, please – we cannot give away out of date food). Also, no clothing, please; we aren't set up for it. Thank you.

**Kairos Prison Ministry** serves both prisoners and their families. Talk to Pastor Gary or Pastor Ann or go to [www.kairosct.org](http://www.kairosct.org) to learn more.

**The Potter's House** is open for coffee, conversation and prayer on **Friday nights, 7:00-9:00**. Please share a Potter's House business card (in the Potter's House) with anyone who might want to come in.

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Youth: Senior High (CHYG) – Lisa Sundell Olsen

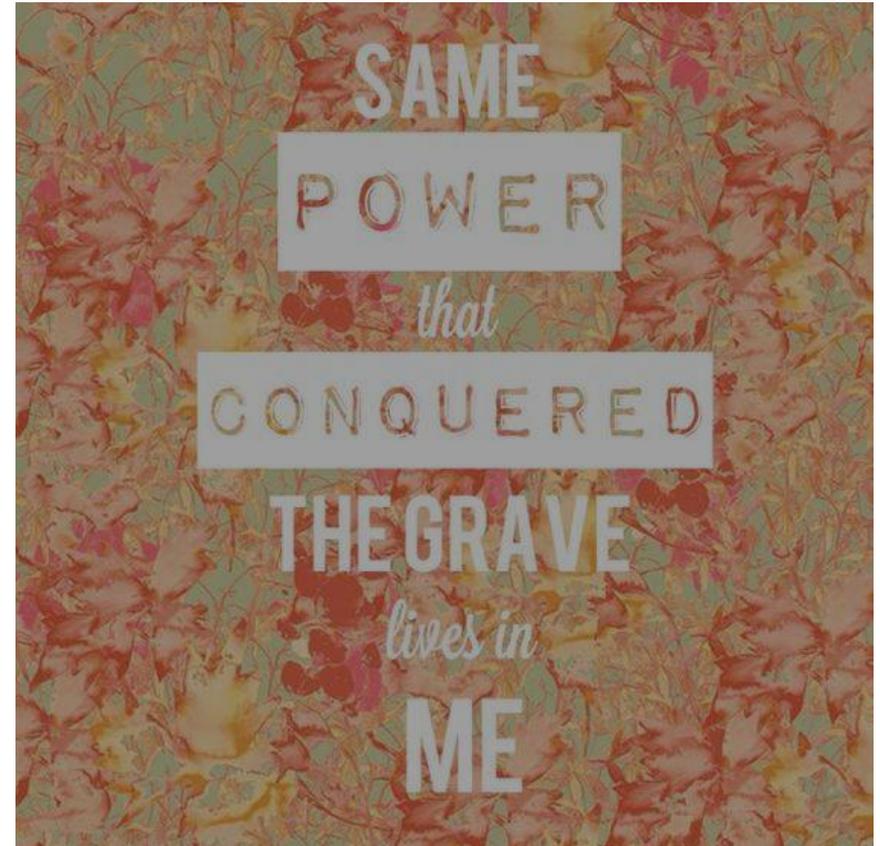
Junior High – (no Counselor) Trailblazers – Rachel Ewers

Pathfinders – Linda Hansen & Brenda Tousignant

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# LENT V



## Come Alive (Dry Bones)

## Song before Sermon

Through the eyes of men it seems  
There's so much we have lost,  
As we look down the road  
Where all the prodigals have walked.  
One by one the enemy has whispered lies  
And led them off as slaves.

But we know that you are God;  
Yours is the victory.  
We know there is more to come,  
That we may not yet see,  
So with the faith you've given us,  
We'll step into the valley unafraid, yeah!

*(chorus)* As we call out to dry bones,  
"Come alive; come alive."  
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive."  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise.  
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive."

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love  
Rescue every daughter; bring us back the wayward son,  
And by your spirit breathe upon them  
Show the world that you alone can save;  
You alone can save *(chorus)*

*(bridge)* So breathe, oh breath of God  
Now breathe, oh breath of God  
Breathe, oh breath of God, now breathe.  
*(repeat bridge)(chorus)*

Oh come alive.

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## Tentative Holy Week Schedule:

Friday, 4/10, Noon, **Walk of the Cross**, downtown  
Thomaston

Friday, 4/10, 7:00 p.m., **Good Friday Worship**, Potter's  
House

## I Will Rise

## Response Song

There's a peace I've come to know,  
Though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

*(Chorus)* And I will rise when he calls my name –  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees. And rise – I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near,  
When this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

*(Chorus)* And I will rise when he calls my name –  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees. And rise – I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
*(repeat angel choir)*

"Worthy is the Lamb!"

I will rise when he calls my name –  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees.  
And rise – I will rise. I will rise.

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**Free folding chairs:** The attic has folding metal student chairs (the kind with an arm that folds down to make a writing surface) that need to find new homes. Please take some. Questions? Contact Bee Bothroyd (860 309-3212) or Lori Vigeant (860 484-4941).