

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

We exist to:
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
Share Life with Each Other
Reach the World in His Name



July 28, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
“To Whom Shall We Boast?”
Galatians 6:11-18

Pastor:

Rev. Stephanie Nelson
(Study) 860-283-9146; pastor@covchurchthomaston.org

Office Manager: Ruth Johnson 860-605-8040; cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org
Website: covchurchthomaston.org; Facebook: [Covenant Church of Thomaston](https://www.facebook.com/CovenantChurchofThomaston)

PRELUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

***CALL TO WORSHIP Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine,"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price, it has been paid,
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free,"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

(tag) To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me;
Yet not I, but through Christ in me;
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

© 2018 CityAlight Music; Farren Love and War
Publishing; Integrity's Alleluia! Music
Words and music by Jonny Robinson, Michael
Farren, Rich Thompson | CCLI 1481213

Be Praised

(chorus) From the rising of the sun
To the going down of the same,
Let the name of the Lord be praised!
Both now and forevermore,
all of heaven and earth proclaim,
“Let the name of the Lord be praised!”

Come now, all you children, open up your eyes.
Where two or more are gathered, his presence will abide.
Lift your voice to heaven. There's only one to glorify:
Jesus Christ *(chorus)*

Come now, all you sinners, lay your burdens down
At the feet of Jesus, where mercy can be found.
In beautiful surrender, we're singing here on holy ground.
How sweet the sound. *(chorus)*

(chorus tag) Let the name of the Lord be praised!

(bridge) Be praised, King Jesus!
Be praised for your goodness!
For all that you've done be praised!
Be praised in the highest; be praised for your kindness!
Let the name of the Lord be praised!

(half chorus) From the rising of the sun
To the going down of the same
Let the name of the Lord be praised!
(chorus and key change^)

(chorus tag) Let the name of the Lord be praised!
Let the name of the Lord be praised!

Words and music by Johnny Mac Powell, Edward Martin Cash,
and Hulse Ethan | CCLI 1481213

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD (Congregation reads **bold**)

Ephesians 2:8-13

Dawn Roaix

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Therefore,
remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth
and are called “uncircumcised”
by those who call themselves “the circumcision”
(which is done in the body by human hands)—

remember that at that time
you were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in Israel
and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,
without hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

UNITE UPDATES

OFFERING – GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS AND ALL YOUR HEART

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

*Doxology (blue hymnal #48 (Congregation sings **bold**))

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“To Whom Shall We Boast?”

Galatians 6:11-18

*SENDING SONG **Is He Worthy?**

Do you feel the world is broken? – **(We do.)**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? – **(We do.)**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? – **(We do.)**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? – – **(We do.)**

Is all creation groaning? – **(It is.)**
Is a new creation coming? – **(It is.)**
Is the glory of the Lord to be
the light within our midst? – **(It is.)**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? – – **(It is.)**

(chorus 1) Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? – He is!

Does the Father truly love us? – **(He does.)**
Does the Spirit move among us – **(He does.)**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those he loves? –
(He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? – – **(He does.)**

(chorus 2) **Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?**
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy
of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
Is he worthy of this? – – – – **He is!**
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? – – He is! – – He is!

Words and music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive
©2018 Jakedog Music and Junkbox Music | CCLI #1481213

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

*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

10:00 am Worship
Nursery: Courtney Ayer

THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30 pm Summer Concert Outreach, Reeves Field
Tue. 6:30 pm Prayer (Church office)
(NOTE: No Zumba this week)
Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)
Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Fridays (Potter's House)
Sun. 10:00 am Worship

SUMMER OUTREACH

- **Summer Concert Series:** Please join the Diaconate as we reach out to the Thomaston community at the Summer Concert Series at Reeves Field at 7:00 pm on July 29 **(tomorrow!)** and August 5. We will have water for people to refill their water bottles and cookies to give away. Our goal is to engage concert-goers in conversation and make them aware of the Covenant Church and the events happening here. Maybe we'll even have the opportunity to pray with some of them! Bring a lawn chair, and we will see you there!

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

- Join us on Wednesday evening, August 7 at 6:30. We are scheduling a mid-week worship time to practice working with our new technology so we can be fully integrated in the fall. Please come!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Kids Camp (VBS):** VBS for Pre-K through 6th grade will be August 11, 12, and 13 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Our Theme is AWESOME GOD. Each night we will explore a different name/attribute of God. Contact Cathy Fredlund, Christy Barrett or Mary Butkevich if you are interested in helping with VBS.

- **Kids Camp needs YOUR help!** We need volunteers to help each evening, along with supplies and food. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Room and sign up wherever you can. Thank you!
- **Sunday School returns in September:** We need to be sure all our Sunday School classes are fully staffed. If this is something the Lord is nudging you to do, contact the CE board.

ZUMBA

- **Zumba:** Exercise to lively music with a licensed instructor on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the Potter's House. Each session is \$8 per person. Contact: Mary Butkevich.

DIACONATE

- **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 Pastor Stephanie (pastor@covchurchthomaston.org or 860-283-9146) or John Butkevich or 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.
- Summer offerings can fall off because people are doing other things. Please consider giving online this summer.

Covenant Church of Thomaston

Giving Page QR Code

