

# COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

Passionately Pursuing Jesus  
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor

Our mission  
is to go and be living evidence of God's love  
by the transforming power of his forgiveness and grace.



**September 22, 2024**

**Worship 10:00 am**

**"Passionately Pursuing Jesus" (Part 1)**

Psalm 84:2, Matthew 6:21, Psalm 73:25-26

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**PRELUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord.

I will feast at the table of the Lord.

I won't hunger anymore at his table (*repeat*)

(*chorus*) Come all you weary; come and find

His yoke is easy; his burden light.

He is able; he will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord.

I won't worry anymore at his table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord.

There is healing at the table of the Lord

I won't suffer anymore at his table. (*chorus*)

(*bridge*) I know he has a place for me.

Oh, what joy will fill my heart,

With the saints around the mercy seat of God. (*chorus*)

(*chorus tag*) At the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.

He says, "Come just as you are" to his table.

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### Shepherd

Though I walk through the valley, And I can't see the way,  
When the shadows surround me, I will not be afraid.

For I know you are with me. You will always provide.

Though the path may be lonely, You will stay by my side

(*pre-chorus*) I will rest my soul. I'll trust in you alone.

(*chorus*) For the Lord my Shepherd leads me,

Leads me, and he is all I need.

In the darkest valley I know, I know my Shepherd is all I need.

Lord I know that you seek me When I'm trying to hide,

And your love, it pursues me all the days of my life.

(pre-chorus)(chorus)

(bridge) I rest my soul in you alone.

You light my way; you lead me on. (repeat bridge)

(chorus) (chorus)

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

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

Selections from Psalm 42 Dawn Roaix

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**When can I go and meet with God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,

**while people say to me all day long,**

**“Where is your God?”**

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

**how I used to go to the house of God  
under the protection of the Mighty One.**

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;

**all your waves and breakers have swept over me.**

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me -

**Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,**

**my Savior and my God.**

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and my God.

Hymn # 370

My Jesus, I Love Thee

**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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

By Your Side

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

**“Passionately Pursuing Jesus” (Part 1)**

Psalm 84:2 (p. 845), Matthew 6:21 (p. 1381),

Psalm 73:25-26 (p. 834)

**SENDING SONG** This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

(chorus) This is amazing grace.

This is unfailing love,

That you would take my place,

That you would bear my cross.

You laid down your life

That I would be set free.

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that you've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (chorus)

(bridge) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3x)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

Worthy, worthy, worthy (chorus)

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: *Cathy Fredlund, Haley Morton*

11:30 am Trustees (Potter's House)

- **The flowers** on the altar this morning are from Liz Montambault in memory of her son David.

## THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)

6:30 pm Zumba (Potter's House)

Tue. 9:00 am Light Up the Town Crafts (Potter's)

6:30 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Fridays (Potter's House)

Sat. 9:30 am "Chosen" Group (Esme's & Ruby's)

Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

## NEW WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

- Pastor Stephanie will be leading a new small group study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, beginning October 1 in the Conference Room (across from the Nursery) . The book we will use is *Gospel Identity - Discovering Who You Really Are* by the ministry Serge. The paperback workbook is available on Amazon or at christianbook.com. Contact: Pastor Stephanie or Cathy Fredlund.

## 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.

## QUARTERLY MEETING CHANGE

- The date for the Quarterly meeting of the congregation is postponed to October 13, 11:30 after worship in the Sanctuary.

## WOMEN MINISTRIES

- **Light Up the Town Crafts (Daytime Version)** Join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Potter's House as we make crafts for the Light Up the Town craft sale on November 30. All help is appreciated! Now through November (or come on Friday nights, 6:00-8:00).
- **SOUPer Fundraiser:** We're bringing back our soup fundraiser for Sunday, October 20. See the pre-order form! **Orders due by next Sunday, 9/29.** (We will meet to make the soups on Friday, October 4, at 9:00 a m.)
- **Book Club:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 pm in the Potter's House. The book to read is *The Crate* by Deborah Vaddas Levison, available on Hoopla in ebook or audiobook format. (The book for November 13 is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.)
- **Annual Salem Covenant Women's Gathering: Breathe:** Saturday, November 2, 9:00-2:00. Details to come.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Trailblazers/Pathfinders:** Pathfinders and Trailblazers will combine this school year. Children in grades K – 6 will meet once a month on Sunday (dates below) after church from 11:30 - 1:00, except for the last meeting. We plan to come up with a new name for the combined group. All suggestions are welcome and the group will vote. Contacts: Brenda Tousignant or Lori Vigeant.

**Sessions** will include story time, crafts, music, and snacks. Friends are welcome! Helpers are also welcome!

**Dates:** 10/20/2024; 11/3; 12/1; 1/12/2025; 2/23; 3/23; 4/6. The last meeting in May will be Saturday, 5/10, at the Thomaston Bowling Lanes (time TBD). All dates may be subject to change; we will notify you ASAP of changes. We are looking forward to so much fun!

**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.

Covenant Church of Thomaston  
Giving Page QR Code



**BANQUET OF BLESSING**

- Need: cereal, grape jelly, strawberry jelly, crackers, granola bars/other snacks, canned fruit (not peaches), Chef Boyardee beef ravioli and lasagna, gallon food storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper.
- No perishable foods.
- Check expiration dates (we don't give away out-of-date food).

**SOUPer Sunday Women Ministries Fundraiser**

**Pre-Order Form**

Soups will be available for pickup during Coffee Hour on October 20.

Please indicate the type(s) of soup and number of quarts you would like. Pre-payment is requested in cash or checks made payable to the Covenant Church of Thomaston with "Women Ministries" in the memo line.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Tortilla Soup (dairy-free) # \_\_\_\_\_

Pasta Fagioli (Vegetarian, dairy-free) # \_\_\_\_\_

Cheesy Ham & Corn Chowder # \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$10 per quart

Please give pre-order forms & payment to Christy Barrett by September 29.

**Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used in part to purchase supplies for New England Seafarers Mission ditty bags and to establish a retreat scholarship fund for adults.**

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