

# COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus  
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



**November 10, 2024**

**Worship 10:00 am**

**“Living Evidence of God’s Love”**

Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 1378), John 13:34-35 (p. 1535)

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

**PRELUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

## **WELCOME AND LIFE TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** All Who are Thirsty  
All who are thirsty, - all who are weak – come to the fountain;  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow – be washed away –  
in the waves of his mercy.

As deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come – Come Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, - all who are weak – come to the fountain;  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow – be washed away –  
in the waves of his mercy.

As deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come – Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. – Holy Spirit, come.

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## **Gratitude**

All my words fall short. I got nothing new.

How could I express

all my gratitude?

I could sing these songs as I often do,

Every song must end,

and you never do.

*(chorus)* So I throw up my hands

And praise you again and again,

'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah. Hallelujah!

And I know it's not much,

But I've nothing else fit for a King

Except for a heart singing hallelujah. Hallelujah!

I've got one response. I've got just one move.

With my arm stretched wide,

I will worship you. *(chorus)*

*(bridge)* So come on, my soul.

Don't you get shy on me.

Lift up your song

'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.

Get up and praise the Lord.  
(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)(chorus)

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

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

(Congregation reads ALL CAPS)

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Dawn Roaix

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,  
but do not have love,

**I AM ONLY A RESOUNDING GONG  
OR A CLANGING CYMBAL.**

If I have the gift of prophecy

and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,

**AND IF I HAVE A FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS,  
BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM NOTHING.**

If I give all I possess to the poor

and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,

**BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.**

Love is patient; love is kind.

**IT DOES NOT ENVY; IT DOES NOT BOAST;**

**IT IS NOT PROUD.**

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,

**IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED;**

**IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.**

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

**IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS,**

**ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.**

Hymn # 98 (twice)

The Steadfast Love

**OFFERING – GIVE AS THE LORD LEADS YOU, WITH OPEN HANDS**

**AND ALL YOUR HEART**

Offertory: Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**TESTIMONY**

Christy Barrett

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Love of God

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Affirmation of Faith (#878)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**SENDING SONG** The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you

And give you peace. (repeat verse)

(chorus) A- - - men. Amen. A-men. A- - - men. Amen. A-men.

May his favor be upon you, and a thousand generations,

And your family and your children,

and their children, and their children.

May his presence go before you,

and behind you, and beside you,

All around you, and within you.

He is with you; he is with you.

In the morning, in the evening,

in your coming, and your going,

In your weeping, and rejoicing,

he is for you; he is for you.

He is for you; he is for you; he is for you, he is for you;

he is for you; he is for you. he is for you, he is for you;

A- - - men. Amen. A-men. A- - - men. Amen. A-men.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Make his face shine upon you.

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

### TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C  
10:00 am Worship  
*Nursery: Lori Vigeant*  
11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

### THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30 pm Zumba (Potter's House)  
Tue. 9:00 am Light Up the Town Crafts (Potter's House)  
9:30 am Women's Study (Conference Room)  
6:30 pm Prayer (Church Office)  
Wed. 6:00 pm NA (Fellowship Room)  
6:30 pm WM Book Club (Potter's House)  
Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Fridays (Potter's House)  
Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Evangelism Training (Gathering Room)  
11:30 am Trustees (Potter's House)

### SHARING OUR STORY – NEXT SUNDAY

- Sharing the story of how Jesus changes us can be challenging. We feel awkward; we run into opposition; people think Christianity is terrible for the world; people get offended. Next Sunday Pastor Stephanie will spend an hour teaching us and we will practice how to write down our testimonies. We'll learn some ways to be gentle, kind, and generous with those who don't see value in being a Christian. Plan to stay after worship for this time of learning.

### VISUAL ADVENT EXPERIENCE - DEC. 1, 8 AND 15, 4:30 PM

- Every Christmas season we read about the importance of "making room for Jesus" . . . because the season can feel frantic. What if we stopped to listen and experience what God is doing around and among us? These 3 Sunday evenings at the Potter's House are an invitation away from the chaos to take a breath and experience God in a different way. Using artwork of the Christmas story painted by Bette Dickinson, we will take one hour to learn a new spiritual practice . . . and take a breath during a time when we all need it.

### 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).
- **Ditty Bags:** Ditty bag items for the New England Seafarers Mission are due in the Potter's House next Sunday, 11/17. Items: shampoo/body wash/bar soap, knit or store-bought hats, crew socks, combs, nail clippers, warm gloves, hard candy, lip balm, toothbrushes/toothpaste, sewing kits, notepads, calendars. Thank you.
- **Set Up for the WM Craft and Tag Sale** (November 30, 3:00-8:00) is a huge project which starts in the Potter's House on November 24. Contact Elsa Hurlbert to offer help.

### LIGHT UP THE TOWN

- **Cookie Walk and Craft Fair, November 30, 3:00-7:00:** Proceeds from the cookie sale go to the General Fund. Start baking now! Cookies with jelly, nuts, frosting and candy sell the best. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards so you can tell Lori Vigeant what you will bake. We also provide free coffee and hot chocolate.  
**Set Up through Clean Up:** Help is needed on November 30 from 2:00-8:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards.
- **Tables for Independent Crafters:** A few (three) tables are available in the Fellowship Room for a donation of \$25 to the church. Contact Lori Vigeant or email Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org).