

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



November 10, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
“Transforming Power”
Colossians 1:9-14

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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 Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising. Eyes are turning to you. We turn to you.
Hope is stirring. Hearts are yearning for you. We long for you.
“Cause when we see you, we find strength to face the day.
In your presence, all our fears are washed away,
washed away.

(chorus) Hosanna, hosanna! You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna, hosanna! Come have your way among us.
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you. We turn to you.
In your kingdom broken lives are made new.
You make us new.

‘Cause when we see you, we find strength to face the day.
In your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.
(chorus) (chorus)

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!

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Graves into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough.
Then you came along and put me back together,
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in your love.

(chorus) Oh, there's nothing better than you.
There's nothing better than you.
Lord, there's nothing; nothing is better than you.

I'm not afraid to show you my weakness,
My failures and flaws – Lord you've seen them all,
And you still call me friend.
‘Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place your mercy and grace
Won't find me again. *(chorus) (chorus)*

(bridge 1) You turn mourning to dancing. • • • •
You give beauty for ashes. • • • •
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can. *(repeat bridge 1)*

(bridge 2) You turn graves into gardens. • • • •
You turn bones into armies. • • • •
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can. *(chorus) (chorus)*

(bridge 2) (tag) You're the only one who can.

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Dave McClay
Romans 12:1-5 (Responsive Reading)

Leader:
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Congregation:
holy and pleasing to God
—this is your true and proper worship.

Leader:
Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Congregation:
Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is
—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Leader:
For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:
Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,

Congregation:
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
in accordance with the faith

God has distributed to each of you.

Leader:
For just as each of us has one body with many members,
and these members do not all have the same function,

Congregation:
so in Christ we, though many, form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.

Hymn # 271 Rejoice, The Lord Is King

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC Goodness, Love, and Mercy

SERMON Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Transforming Power”

Colossians 1:9-14

SENDING SONG Death Was Arrested

Lost without hope with no place to begin,
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed; only beauty remains.
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet; my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

(chorus 1) Oh, your grace so free washes over me.
You have made me new; now life begins with you.

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.
My shame was a ransom he faithfully bore.
He canceled my debt and he called me his friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.

(chorus 2) Oh, your grace so free washes over me.
You have made me new; now life begins with you.
It's your endless love pouring down on us:

You have made us new; now life begins with you.

(Instrumental)

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross –
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost,
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand!
That's when death was arrested and my life began!
That's when death was arrested and my life began!
(chorus 2)

(bridge) Oh, we're free, free; forever we're free!
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free; forever, amen!
When death was arrested and my life began! *(repeat bridge)*

(tag) When death was arrested and my life began.
That's when death was arrested and my life began!

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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 Evangelism Training (Gathering Room)

11:30 am Trustees (Potter's House)

- Please stay after worship in the Gathering Room this morning for Pastor Stephanie's class on sharing our story of how Jesus has changed us. We will practice how to write down our testimony and some ways to be gentle, kind, and generous with those who don't see value in being a Christian.

THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:00-2:00 Electronics Drop-off (Grove Street door)

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 House)

9:30 am Women's Study (Conference Room)

4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 10:00-2:00 Electronics Drop-off (Grove Street door)

6:00 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 / D/C

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Begin setup for Light Up the Town (Potter's)

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 this Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Potter's House as we finish up our crafts for the Light Up the Town craft sale on November 30. Or come this Friday night, 6:00-8:00.
- **Ditty Bags:** Ditty bag items for the New England Seafarers Mission are due in the Potter's House **today**
- **Set Up for the WM Craft and Tag Sale** (November 30, 3:00-8:00) is a huge week-long project, starting in the Potter's House on **next Sunday**. Contact Elsa Hurlbert to offer help.
- **The WM Christmas Party** will be Monday, December 9, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, a \$10-\$15 grab bag gift, and a friend!

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 1:00-8:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards.

- **Tables for Independent Crafters:** Two 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).

COMPUTERS FOR GUATEMALA

- We are collecting laptops, monitors, tablets, phones or other equipment (from 2019 to the present) for people in need with our connections in Guatemala. If you have any computer equipment (no older than 5 years) that you are willing to donate, please bring it to the church this week (November 18, or 20), 10:00-2:00, at the Grove Street side entrance. Contact: Jay Fredlund.