

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



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Worship 10:00 am
Forgiveness and Grace
Hebrews 4:14-16

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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 One Thing Remains
Higher than the mountains that I face,
Stronger than the power of the grave,
Constant through the trial and the change,
One thing remains. One thing remains.

(chorus) Your love never fails; it never gives up;
It never runs out on me.

Your love never fails; it never gives up;
It never runs out on me.

Your love never fails; it never gives up;
It never runs out on me.

(verse 2) Because on and on and on and on it goes,
For it overwhelms and satisfies my soul,
And I never, ever, have to be afraid.
One thing remains. One thing remains. *(chorus)*

(chorus tag) Your love. *(instrumental)*

(bridge) In death, in life,
I'm confident and covered by
the power of your great love.

My debt is paid;
there's nothing that can separate
My heart from your great love. *(chorus)*

(verse 2) *(chorus)* *(chorus)*

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Even So

All of creation, all of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner; wake up the saint.
Let every nation shout of your fame:
Jesus is coming soon.

(chorus 1) Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for you,
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

There will be justice; all will be new,
Your name forever, Faithful and True.
Jesus is coming soon. (*chorus 1*)

(*bridge*) So we wait, we wait for you.
God, we wait, you're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for you.
God, we wait, you're coming soon.

(*chorus2*) Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for you,
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for you,
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Jessica Bedosky
Romans 6:8-14 (Responsive Reading)

Leader:
Now if we died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation:
**For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead,
he cannot die again;
death no longer has mastery over him.**

Leader:
The death he died, he died to sin once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Congregation:
**In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin
but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Leader:
Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body

so that you obey its evil desires.

Congregation:
**Do not offer any part of yourself to sin
as an instrument of wickedness,
but rather offer yourselves to God**

Leader:
as those who have been brought from death to life;
and offer every part of yourself to him
as an instrument of righteousness.

Congregation:
**For sin shall no longer be your master,
because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

Hymn # 451 It Is Well with My Soul

**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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Forgiveness and Grace”

Hebrews 4:14-16

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.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
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 / D/C

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Patricia Vigeant

11:15 am Church Board (Gathering Room)

- The Church Board will meet briefly immediately after worship in the Gathering Room to act upon an item of business.
- Pastor Stephanie has family visiting this week. She will be in and out of the office Monday through Wednesday.

THIS WEEK

All week: Setup for Light Up the Town (Potter's, Fellowship)

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

4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

Sat. 3:00-7:00 Craft & Tag Sale, Cookie Walk

Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

11:30 am Missions & Evangelism (Youth Room)

Sun. 11:30 am Trailblazers/Pathfinders (Caroling)

4:30 pm Visual Advent Experience (Gathering Room)

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 Gathering Room 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

- **Set Up for the WM Craft and Tag Sale** (next Saturday, 3:00-8:00) is a huge week-long project, starting in the Potter's House **today**. 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** (next Saturday, 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.

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:** One table still available in the Fellowship Room for a donation of \$25 to the church. Contact Lori Vigeant or email Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org).

ZUMBA

- **Zumba** is on break until after the Christmas holidays.

MISSIONS

- **Operation Christmas Child** boxes are due **today**.
- **Banquet of Blessing**

- Need: baking mixes, creamy peanut butter, chicken salad snacks to go, canned fruit, canned chicken, aluminum foil, paper towels, toilet paper.
- No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.
- No vegetarian vegetable soup right now.

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.

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