

COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



December 1, 2024
Worship 10:00 am
“Making Room for Silence”
Luke 1:5-22

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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 Waymaker

You are here, moving in our midst.

I worship you; I worship you

You are here, working in this place.

I worship you; I worship you. *(repeat verse)*

(chorus) (You are) – Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God; that is who you are.

You are – Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God; that is who you are.

You are here, touching every heart.

I worship you; I worship you.

You are here, healing every heart.

I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, turning lives around.

I worship you; I worship you.

You are here, mending every heart.

I worship you; I worship you. *(chorus)*

(chorus tag 1) That is who you are. That is who you are.

That is who you are. That is who you are.

(chorus) – –

(bridge) Even when I don't see it, you're working.

Even when I don't feel it, you're working.

You never stop; you never stop working.

You never stop; you never stop working. *(repeat bridge)*

(chorus)

(chorus tag 2) That is who you are. That is who you are.

That is who you are. That is who you are.

That is who you are. That is who you are.

That is who you are. That is who you are.

Word of God, Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
And the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
But to hear what you would say.

(chorus) Word of God, speak.
Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see your majesty,
To be still and know that you're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.

(chorus tag) Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of you,
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with you,
And in the quiet hear your voice. *(chorus) (chorus)*

(tag) I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: THE ADVENT WREATH Grace Duke

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Gina Whaley

Advent Week 1: Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Leader:

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Congregation:

**a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,**

Leader:

a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,

Congregation:

**a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,**

Leader:

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

Congregation:

**a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,**

Leader:

a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

Hymn # 127 (v. 1, 2, 4) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**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

SERMON

Pastor Stephanie Nelson

“Making Room for Silence”

Luke 1:5-22 (p. 1456)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

SENDING SONG

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob,
whose love endures through generations.
I know that you will keep your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
the One who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

(chorus) O God, my God, I need you;

O God, my God, I need you now.

How I need you now.

O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I'm standing on your faithfulness,
On your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the God of Mary,
whose favor rests upon the lowly.

I know with you, all things are possible.

I'm calling on the God of David,
who made a shepherd boy courageous.
I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants. (*chorus*)
(*chorus*)

(*bridge*) You heard your children then;
you hear your children now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You answered prayers back then and you will answer now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were providing then; you are providing now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You moved in power then; God, move in power now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were a healer then; you are a healer now.
You are the same God; you are the same God.
You were a Savior then; you are a Savior now.
You are the same God; you are the same God. (*chorus*)
(*chorus*)

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit;
Almighty River, come and fill me again.
Come and fill me again; Come and fill me again.

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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:
11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)
11:30 am M & E Board (Youth Room)
11:30 am Trailblazers/Pathfinders (Caroling)
4:30 pm Advent Event (Gathering Room)

THIS WEEK

Mon. 10:45 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)
Tue. 9:30 am Women's Study (Conference Room)
4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office)

Wed. 9:00 am Kitchen Detail
6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)
Thur. 7:30 pm NA Subcommittee (Gathering Room)
Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House)
Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm CHYG (@Beth Campbells')
4:30 pm Advent Event (Gathering Room)

- **ADVENT EVENT:** 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? Tonight and the next two Sunday evenings (12/1, 8, and 15) at 4:30 you are invited to the Gathering Room – 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.
- **THE WOMEN MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY** is 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!
- **FELLOWSHIP MOVIE NIGHT:** On Friday, December 13, at 6:00 pm we will have a hot chocolate bar and snacks and watch "A Christmas Story" together. Invite a friend and come hang out at the Potter's House.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY:** You can purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one for December 22 and following services. The cost is \$12 each. Contact Dawn Johnson or see her at church by no later than Sunday, December 15. Pay her (cash or check made out to Dawn Johnson, not the church) so she can track how much to give the florist. List how many flowers you want and who they are in memory of. A list of contributors and memorial dedications will be published in the bulletin on December 22.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP** at 4:00 pm on December 24.

- **JULOTTA WORSHIP** on Christmas morning is at 6:30. This traditional service usually is followed by a continental breakfast, **but only if someone volunteers** to host it. Contact: Ruth Johnson (cmouse@covchurchthomaston.org or 860-605-8040).
- **ZUMBA** is on break until after the Christmas holidays.
- **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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