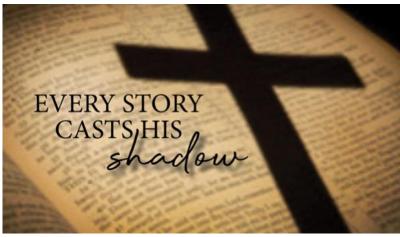
## **COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON**

Passionately Pursuing Jesus Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor



January 19, 2025 Worship 10:00 am "The Crush of the Curse" Genesis 3:1-15

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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 Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Hear our cry and heal our land.

Let kindness lead us to repentance.

Bring us back again.

*(chorus 1)* For your Name is great and your heart is grace. Kyrie Eleison.

Over all you reign; you alone can save.

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy on us now.

For your Name is great and your heart is grace.

Kyrie Eleison.

Over all you reign; you alone can save.

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy on us now.

(bridge) Who is this God who pardons all our sin, So ready to forgive? You delight to show your mercy. (repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)

*(chorus 2)* For your Name is great and your heart is grace. Kyrie Eleison.

Over all you reign; you alone can save.

Kyrie Eleison.

For your Name is great and your heart is grace.

Kyrie Eleison.

Over all you reign; you alone can save.

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy);

Christ, have mercy (Christ, have mercy),

Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy);

Christ, have mercy on us now.

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#### **Break Every Chain**

(chorus) There is power in the name of Jesus.

There is power in the name of Jesus.

There is power in the name of Jesus.

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.

You're the all-sufficient sacrifice, so

Freely given; such a price bought

our redemption.

Heaven's gates swing wide. (chorus)

Oo oo oo oo (Instrumental)

There's an army rising up.

There's an army rising up.

There's an army rising up.

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. *(chorus)* 

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain. Oo oo oo oo oo . . . .

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

#### **HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

1 John 1:5:9 and John 1:1-4

Leader:

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**Congregation:** 

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Leader:

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

**Congregation:** 

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Leader:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

### **Congregation:**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

#### Leader:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### Congregation:

He was with God in the beginning.

#### Leader:

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

#### Congregation:

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

#### Leader:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

#### Leader:

This is the word of the Lord.

## **Congregation:**

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #365 (v. 1-3) Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

# 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 Zion

## SERMON Pastor Stephanie Nelson

"The Crush of the Curse" Genesis 3:1-15

**SENDING SONG** 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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### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Tricia Dunn Oporto and Brenda Tousignant

#### **TODAY**

9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

10:00 am Worship

Nursery: Courtney Ayer

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)

11:30 am Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

## THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30 pm Tres Dias Secretariat (Fellowship Room)

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

Tue 4:00 pm Prayer (Church Office) Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room) Zoom Study (Ecclesiastes) 7:00 pm Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Friday (Potter's House) Sat. 9:30 am "Chosen" Group (Esme's & Ruby's) Sun. 9:00 am Sunday School / D/C

Sun. 10:00 am Worship

- ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting is this morning at 11:30 in the Sanctuary.
- ZOOM STUDY: Dive into the book of Ecclesiastes as we consider what constitutes a meaningful life on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, via Zoom, so you can stay in the comfort of your warm home! Let Pastor Stephanie know if you would like the zoom link emailed to you.
- THANK You: Thank you all so much for the generous Christmas gift you gave me this year. I continue to be grateful how God has called me here to Thomaston and thankful in how he is growing me and us as a church together. It has been an immense privilege to serve you and live life with you this past year. I look forward to many, many more! - Pastor Stephanie

#### • BANQUET OF BLESSING

- Need: canned chicken, canned tuna (albacore), cereal, snack bars/fruit bars, salad dressing, canned green beans. spaghetti sauce, dried spaghetti, pasta sides (not creamy garlic), soup (not vegetarian vegetable), aluminum foil, gallon storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper.
- No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.
- 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 **Covenant Church of Thomaston** or Linda Lawrence. **Giving Page QR Code**
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