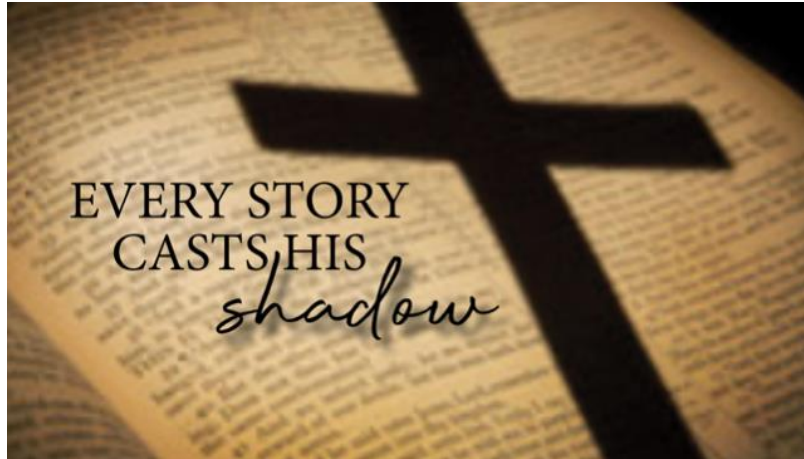


# COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus  
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



**March 16, 2025**  
**Worship 10:00 am**  
**"The Idol and Identity"**  
**Exodus 32:1-14**

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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 Great Are You, Lord**

You give life; you are love; you bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; you restore every heart that is broken.

*(prechorus)* Great are you, Lord!

*(chorus)* It's your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise; we pour out our praise.  
It's your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to you only. *(repeat from top)*

*(chorus)*

*(bridge)* All the earth will shout your praise.  
Our hearts will cry; these bones will sing.  
Great are you, Lord! *(repeat bridge) (repeat bridge)*

*(chorus) (chorus)*

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### **Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

*(chorus)* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, — — —  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(chorus)*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; — — —  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending: — — —  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Forevermore! *(chorus)*

I'll worship your holy name.  
Yes, I'll worship your holy name.

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

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD** Janet Ryan Cappelletti  
Isaiah 42:5-9

Leader:

This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,

**Congregation:**

**who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:**

Leader:

"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.

**Congregation:**

**I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,**

Leader:

to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

**Congregation:**

**"I am the Lord; that is my name!  
will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.**

Leader:

See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;

**Congregation**

**before they spring into being,  
I announce them to you."**

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation:  
Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #376 (v. 1, 2 4)

Trust and Obey

**CAMP SQUANTO MOMENT**

Christy Barrett

**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

**"The Idol and Identity"**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

(p. 123 in the pew Bible)

**SENDING SONG The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)**

*(chorus)* Father, let your Kingdom come.

Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart. *(repeat chorus)*

*(verse)*

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us; Forgive us.

As we forgive the ones who sinned against us,

Forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Let your kingdom come.

*(chorus)(chorus)(verse)*

*(bridge 1)* It's yours; it's yours, all yours, all yours.

The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.

It's yours; it's yours, all yours, all yours.

Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.

*(bridge 2)* It's yours (it's yours); it's yours (it's yours),

All yours (all yours), all yours (all yours).

The kingdom (kingdom), the power (power),  
the glory are yours.

It's yours (it's yours); it's yours (it's yours),

All yours (all yours), all yours (all yours).

Forever (forever) and ever (and ever)

the kingdom is yours. (*chorus*) (*chorus*)

(*tag*) On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

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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: *Cathy Fredlund* / Screen Monitor: *Peggy Schwetz*

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)

Campership Bake Sale

11:30 am Trustees (Conference Room)

**• THIS WEEK**

Mon. 10:30 am 39ers Study (**Note time change**)

6:30 pm Tres Dias Secretariat (Fellowship Room)

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

Tue. 5:00 pm Prayer (**Note time change**)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

7:00 pm Lenten Reflection (First Congregational)

Fri. 5:00 pm Fun Fridays (Fellowship/Potter's)

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 Trailblazers/Pathfinders (Potter's House)

- **BAKE SALE for summer camperships: Today** in the Fellowship Room right after worship. Please buy some yummy treats to support camperships for our children and youth. Squanto is expensive but so worth it!

- **LENTEN REFLECTIONS:** We will alternate Lenten meetings with the First Congregational Church on the following Wednesday nights this year. At 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational, enter the basement by the side door closest to the front of the building.

3/19 7:00 pm (1st Congregational)

3/26 7:00 pm (Here - Potter's House)

4/2 7:00 pm (1st Congregational)

4/9 7:00 pm (Here - Potter's House)

- **RESPITE MINISTRY:** We want to start a ministry for those who are primary care givers for a loved one, allowing for them to request someone to come and be with their loved one while they run errands or take a break. This will not be on a set schedule, so this is flexible to what works for you. Please contact Glenn Hafele or Pastor Stephanie for questions.
- **KIDS' SNACK PACKS:** Snack Pack bags are in need of donations. Please put "snack pack" in the memo of your check, or leave food donations on the counter in the Potter's House. We need: mac & cheese (microwaveable cups or the kind without milk & butter); individually packaged pretzels, Ritz bits, crackers, cookies or chips; granola bars; breakfast bars; individual cereal cups or boxes. Thank you!
- **NEW STOVES:** Women Ministries needs your help! The two stoves in the church kitchen need to be replaced. WM is contributing \$1,000, but more is needed. If you want to donate, please write "WM ovens" on your check memo line. Thank you!
- **BOOK CLUB:** Thursday, March 27, at Martha Tillow's. The book to read is *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson.
- **BABY SHOWER:** Jessica Bedosky invites all the women of the church to a small baby shower for her daughter Rebecca after church (11:45-1:30) on Sunday, March 30. We will have a brief devotional and refreshments. Your presence is the best gift, but if you would like to bring something, suggestions are: baby books, diapers (newborn and stage 1), wipes or boy clothing.
- **WM RETREAT:** The women's Exhale Retreat at Pilgrim Pines is April 4-6. We already have a group planning to go – join us! WM now has a retreat scholarship fund; please see Christy Barrett or Martha Tillow for more info. Register online: <https://www.pilgrimpines.org/exhale>.

- **BANQUET OF BLESSING**

- Need: canned chicken, salad dressing/condiments, canned vegetables, soups (not vegetarian vegetable), pasta sides, paper towels, toilet paper.
- No perishable foods. Check expiration dates. We don't give away out of date food.

- **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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