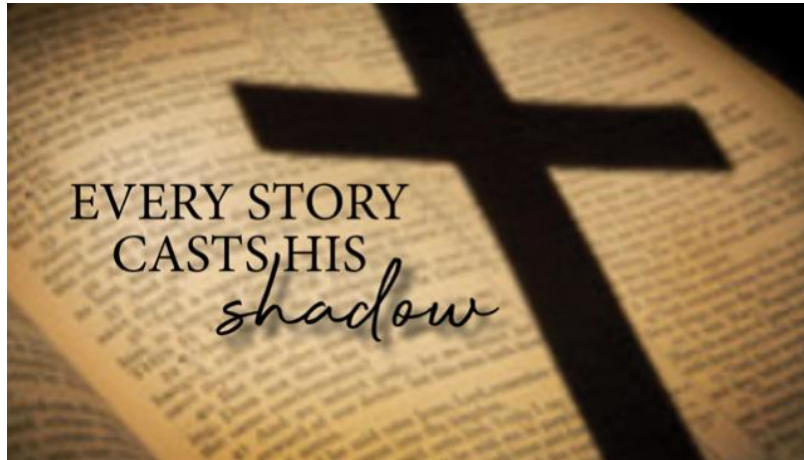


COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

*Passionately Pursuing Jesus
Sacrificially Serving Our Neighbor*



**April 6, 2025
Worship 10:00 am
“The Battle and the Bully”
1 Samuel 17**

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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 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 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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Resurrection Power

You called me from the grave by name.

You called me out of all my shame.

I see the old has passed away. The new has come!

(chorus 1) Now I have resurrection power,

Living on the inside, Jesus. You have given us freedom.

No longer bound by sin and darkness,

Living in the light of your goodness,

You have given us freedom.

I'm dressed in your royalty.

Your Holy Spirit lives in me.

I see my past has been redeemed. The new has come!

(chorus 1)

(bridge) Freedom, you have given us freedom!

You have given us freedom – my chains are gone!
Freedom, you have given us freedom!
You have given us freedom. Hallelujah! (*repeat bridge*)

(*chorus 2*) Now I have resurrection power, – – – –
Living on the inside. – –
And I'm no longer bound by sin and darkness,
Living in the light of your goodness.
You have given us freedom!
Now I have resurrection power living on the inside, Jesus.
You have given us freedom
And I'm no longer bound by sin and darkness.
Living in the light of your goodness.
You have given us freedom!

(*tag*) I have resurrection power,
Living on the inside, living on the inside
(*instrumental*)

You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom.

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

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD Terry Breen

Psalm 121

Leader:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

Congregation:

**My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader:

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber.

Congregation:

**Indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader:

The Lord watches over you—

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Congregation:

**The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Leader:

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life.

Congregation

**The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #83

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

**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 Battle and the Bully”

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Please come forward down a side aisle to one of the two
stations and return to your seat by the center aisle.

If you wish to remain seated and receive communion,
one of our deacons will come to you.)

SENDING SONG Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.

Oh, his love for me.

(*chorus 1*) Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

Free at last, he has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, he died for me!

(chorus 2) Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

In my Father's house there's a place for me.

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

(bridge) I am chosen, not forsaken.

I am who you say I am.

You are for me, not against me.

I am who you say I am. *(repeat bridge)*

(bridge tag) I am who you say I am. *(chorus 2)* *(chorus 2)*

(tag) In my Father's house there's a place for me.

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.

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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: *Gina Whaley* / Screen Monitor: *Peggy Schwetz*

11:15 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Room)

11:30 am Trailblazers/Pathfinders (Potter's House)

11:30 am Church Exec. Board (Gathering Room)

Afternoon EXHALE retreat returns

4:00 pm CHYG

7:30 pm M&E Board Zoom

• **THIS WEEK**

Mon. 10:30 am 39ers Study (Fellowship Room)

7:00 pm Zoom Prayer

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

5:00 pm Prayer (church office)

Wed. 6:30 pm NA (Fellowship Room)

7:00 pm Lenten Reflections (Potter's House)

Fri. 5:00 pm Parents' Night Out (Fellowship Room)

Fri. 6:00 pm Crafty Fridays (Potter's House)

Sat. 6:00 pm CHYG Paint Night (Fellowship Room)

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

10:00 am Worship (Palm Sunday)

11:30 am Church Board (Gathering Room)

11:30 am Diaconate (Conference Room)

7:30 pm M&E Board (Zoom)

- **ZOOM PRAYER**: Join us on Monday nights, 7:00-7:30 pm, to pray about our community, how to reach the lost and those who don't know Christ, and our congregation's prayer needs. Contact Jessica Bedosky or Ruth Johnson for the Zoom link.
- **FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER**: If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, they will be \$12 each and there will be a variety. Email Dawn Johnson or see her at church **by no later than next Sunday, April 13**. Please pay her in cash or by a 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 April 20.
- **EASTER BASKETS**: As in past years, we are collecting items to fill Easter baskets for Thomaston children identified by the Thomaston Town Pantry. Bring any goodies you want to give **by no later than next Sunday, April 13**. The Crafty Friday group will fill the baskets.
- **WM BOOK CLUB**: The group next meets on Thursday, April 24, at 6:30 pm at Jean Morton's. The book to read is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. The book has been out for several years, so it is readily available from several sources. It is available at the Thomaston Public Library.
- **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!

- **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP** is hosted by the boards (CE, M&E, Trustees and Diaconate), Women Ministries, and the Social Committee. Each group hosts two months per year. If you want to sign up to host a particular Sunday, a clipboard is on the Kitchen counter. Food and beverages are provided by the church, so only setup, serving, and cleanup are needed.

- **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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