

St. Thomas Reformed Church  
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands  
Founded 1660



*August 16, 2020*

We Welcome One and All  
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth of the church!

**“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”**

## Greeting and Ministry Updates

**Introit**

**“I Love You, Lord, Today”**

*Hubbard*

**I love You, I love You; I love You, Lord, today  
Because You care for me in such a special way**

**And so, I praise You; I lift You up  
And I magnify Your name  
That’s why my heart is filled with praise**

**My heart, my soul, my life belongs to You  
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary**

## **Call to Worship\***

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven  
and earth!

**Amen!**

We gather as the people of God, united through  
God’s mercy.

**We gather as one people, to worship and praise  
our God.**

We gather, joyfully celebrating the oneness of our  
purpose.

**We gather, as people blessed by God: to worship  
and honor our God.**

We gather, renewed and refreshed by the ever-flowing stream of God's mercy.

**We gather as people wholly dedicated to the worship and glory of God. Amen.**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn**

**'God of Creation, All-Powerful'**

*SLANE*

**God of creation, all powerful, all wise  
Lord of the universe rich with surprise  
Maker, Sustainer and Ruler of all  
We are Your children--You hear when we call**

**God of the ages, through time's troubled years  
You are the One in whom history coheres  
Nations and empires Your purpose fulfill  
Moving in freedom, yet working Your will**

**God of our now, all our trust is in You  
Covenant God, ever faithful and true  
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord  
Now and forever Your name be adored**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief!**

## **A Time for Silent Prayer**

**Response**

**‘Within the Shelter of the Lord’**

*YE BANKS AND BRAES*

**Within the shelter of the Lord  
At home in God’s unfailing care  
We trust in God’s eternal strength  
To rescue us from every snare  
How safe it is, this hiding place  
Beneath God’s everlasting wings  
How strong a fortress is our God  
The Mighty One, the King of Kings**

**God answers every cry for help  
God’s love is ours till journey’s end  
However long our lives may be  
On God’s firm promise we depend  
Who knows what dangers we are spared  
Since angels guard the way we take  
And all who trust and love the Lord  
God pledges never to forsake**

**Words of Assurance and Hope**

**Song**

**‘All the Way My Savior Leads Me’** *Crosby/Lowry*

**All the way my Savior leads me  
What have I to ask beside  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my Guide  
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort  
Here by faith in Him to dwell  
For I know, whate’er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well  
For I know, whate’er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well**

All the way my Savior leads me  
Cheers each winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for every trial  
Feeds me with the living bread  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul a-thirst may be  
Gushing from the Rock before me  
Lo! A spring of joy I see  
Gushing from the Rock before me  
Lo! A spring of joy I see

All the way my Savior leads me  
Oh, the fullness of His love  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above  
When my spirit, clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way

**...To Hear God's Word...**

**Scripture Reading**      **Genesis 45:1 - 15**

**Message**      **"Dancing on the Steps of Judgement!"**  
*(Genesis Sermon Series: 7 of 7 The Epic Finale!)*

**...And Respond with Gratitude**

**Offering**      [STRCGIVING.ORG](http://STRCGIVING.ORG)

**Offertory**

**“He, Watching Over Israel”**

*Mendelssohn*

Rachel & Tate DeWalt, Amy & David Himes, Tama McConnell

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps  
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish  
He will quicken thee, He slumbers not, sleeps not  
He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn**

**‘Marvelous Grace’**

MOODY

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt**

***Refrain***

**Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin**

**Dark is the stain that we cannot hide  
What can avail to wash it away  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide  
Brighter than snow you may be today (*Refrain*)**

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see God’s face  
Will you this moment God’s grace receive (*Refrain*)**

## Benediction

### Choral Response “Prayer of Dedication”

*Besig/Price/Tomer*

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart  
Calming the fears that trouble each heart  
Keep us all in your grace  
Until we come, again, to this place  
God be with you till we meet again  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you  
God be with you till we meet again

### **GIVING THANKS:**

#### **Leading Worship Today:**

Ministers: All of us viewing together  
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel  
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Rachel & Tate DeWalt,  
Amy & David Himes, Tama McConnell  
Virtual Choir: Lori Abbotts, Joy Aird, Geoffrey Barnard,  
Will Howe, Colleen Imbriale, Andrea Lee,  
Steve Mange, Fred Northup, Julie Northup,  
Jeff Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman,  
Penny Woods  
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

**WELCOME ...** and thank you for  
joining in worship this morning!

**The Ladies Bible Study** is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

**The Men's Ministry Bible Study** also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information 340-474-0472 or [forrestbroom@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbroom@gmail.com).

**Lectionary Scripture Readings** for this week:

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;  
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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