

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



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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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# Thirteenth 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**

**“Holy Ground”**

*Davis*

**We are standing on holy ground  
And I know that there are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now  
We are standing in God’s presence, on holy ground**

**As we walk through the door, we sense God’s presence  
And we know this is a place where love abounds  
For here in this place we know the Lord is with us  
We are standing in God’s presence on holy ground**

## **Call to Worship\***

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

**Amen!**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn**

**‘Lead On, O Cloud of Presence’**

*LANCASHIRE*

**Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come  
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home  
Our bondage left behind us, new hopes within us grow  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow**

**Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears  
But we shall come rejoicing, though joy be born of tears  
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come  
And we are still God's people; the journey is our home**

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way  
And help us trust the promise through struggle and delay  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
Where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

You know us, Loving God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore those in need, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives. You do indeed know us all too well, Steadfast Love. Yet, you continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. Yet, you would embrace us as we turn towards you in repentance, rather than washing your hands of us. Yet, you would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with you...

Response            **'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'**    *ST. CHRISTOPHER*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross

## Words of Assurance and Hope

**Song**

**'I Call You Faithful'**

*Walker/Price*

**I call you holy, your name is holy  
You are so holy to me.**

**I call you holy, your name is holy.  
Holy you are and holy you'll be**

**I call you righteous, your name is righteous.  
You are so righteous to me.**

**I call you righteous, your name is righteous.  
Righteous you are and righteous you'll be.**

**I call you awesome, your name is awesome.  
You are so awesome to me.**

**I call you awesome, your name is awesome.  
Awesome you are, and awesome you'll be.**

**I call you faithful, your name is faithful.  
You are so faithful to me.**

**I call you faithful, your name is faithful.  
Faithful you are, and faithful you'll be.**

**I call you healer, your name is healer.  
You are the healer to me.**

**I call you healer, your name is healer.  
Healer you are, and healer you'll be.**

**I call you all that, your name is all that.  
You have been all that to me.**

**I call you all that, your name is all that.  
All that you are, and all that you'll be.**

## ...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture Reading      Exodus 3:1 - 15

Message      "Come Down!"

## ...And Respond with Gratitude

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

Offertory      "Because of Who You Are"      Munizzi  
Andrea Lee, soloist

Because of who You are, I give You glory  
Because of who You are, I give You praise  
Because of who You are, I will lift my voice and say  
Lord, I worship You because of who You are

Jehovah Jireh, my provider  
Jehovah Nissi, Lord, You reign in victory  
Jehovah Shalom, my Prince of Peace  
And I worship You because of who You are

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn      'Christ Is Our Rock'      SINE NOMINE

Christ is our Rock, our mighty Cornerstone  
On which our church has prospered and has grown  
Secure in faith and sure of what we've known  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Through times of trial, through war's unholy rage  
Our faith has stood as hist'ry turned each page  
The word of Christ, our shield from age to age  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Each of our lives are blessed from day to day  
Christ touches us in his creative way  
Emmanuel is now with us to stay  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Our future days shall hold for us no fear  
because our Lord is ever-present here  
We'll spread his word so all the world might hear  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Benediction

### **GIVING THANKS:**

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

Ministers: All of us viewing together  
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel  
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Andrea Lee  
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

**WELCOME ...** and thank you for  
joining in worship this morning! We are blessed to have  
you as part of our STRC family. We appreciate each and  
every one of you watching our services.

## Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

**Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;**

**Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20**

**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).

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