

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



July 11, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Introit

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

arr. Buckwalter

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end
Be thou forever near me
My Master and my friend
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide

O, let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion
The murmurs of self-will
O, speak to reassure me
To hasten or control
O speak, and make me listen
Thou guardian of my soul

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Blessed be our God,

Who created us in God’s image.

Blessed be our God,

Who called us to follow Jesus Christ.

Blessed be our God,

Who sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Blessed be our God,

In whom we live, move, and have our being.

Blessed be our God as we gather in worship.

Prayer

***Hymn**

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

LAUDES DOMINI

**When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries
May Jesus Christ be praised
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair
May Jesus Christ be praised**

**Discordant humankind
In this, your concord find
May Jesus Christ be praised
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound
May Jesus Christ be praised**

**Be this, while life is mine
My canticle divine
May Jesus Christ be praised
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long
May Jesus Christ be praised**

Call to Confession (*based on Psalm 139:23-24*)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have succumbed to the ways of the world. When we fret about what we don't have and worry there isn't enough, Lord, forgive us. When we are consumed by the doubts of the world that we are not good enough, that we don't have enough wealth and security by the world's standards, Lord, forgive us. You called us to be Your children. In You we have an abundant inheritance. In You we know that we are called to be a community that provides and cares for each other. In You, the standards we ought to live up to are kindness, compassion, justice and mercy. Help us to cast off the cares of the world and live deeply into Your ways as Your children. In Christ's name we pray...

Response

‘What Does the Lord Require of You’

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What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

**Justice, kindness
Walk humbly with your God**

**To seek justice
And love kindness
And walk humbly with your God**

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children’s Message

***Hymn**

‘I Have Decided to Follow Jesus’

ASSAM

**I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

... To Hear God’s Word...

Scripture

Mark 6:14-29

Message

“Herod the Not-So-Great!”

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

(You are invited to bring your gifts to the altar and place them in the offering plates or in the box by the front Sanctuary door. Online giving is also available at www.strcgiving.org)

Offertory

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide
Till the storm of life is past
Safe into the haven guide
O, receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on thee
Leave, ah!, leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me
All my trust on thee is stayed
All my help from thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing

Wilt thou not regard my call?
Wilt thou not accept my prayer?
Lo, I sink, I faint, I fall
Lo, on thee I cast my care
Reach me out thy gracious hand
While I of thy strength receive
Hoping against hope I stand
And dying, behold, I live

Plenteous grace with thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Freely let me take of thee
Spring thou up within my heart
Rise to all eternity

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Hymn**

'Be Thou My Vision'

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord
Born of thy love, thy child may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Benediction

**portions of today's liturgy by Rev. Mindi @ rev-o-lution.org*

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, STRC Adult Choir
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton, Dave Whitter

A warm welcome to our visitors! You are invited to complete the visitor registration forms on the back table. Please then place them in the offering box.

Today we honor Doris Comissiong who celebrated her 102nd birthday this past Thursday, July 8! May the good Lord bless you Doris!

SUMMER CAMP 2021 “All Good Gifts!” continues this week. Check out our “STRC Summer Camp” Facebook page for more info. Please pray for the staff and especially for all of the children whose lives will be forever impacted by the good gift of Christ we share with them:

Director: Brittany Bryan

Teachers: Tate and Rachel DeWalt, Amy Himes, Hayley Jennings, Roxanne Rhymer

Group Leaders: Jaela Auguste, Nashibo Benjamin, Jessica Gibs, Sonrisa O’Neal

Swim Staff: Natalia Figueroa, Maddison Wyatt

Floating Jr. Counselor: Dalen Rhymer, Diego Villegas.

STRC is excited to welcome a **new Co-pastor** to work alongside Pastor Jeff. Pastor Ben Rowe and his family (wife: Emily; children: Christine, Gwendolyn, Lydia, & William) plan to arrive on St Thomas early August. His official start date is August 16. Please keep Ben & his family in your prayers as they make this move to become part of our historic church and vibrant faith family!

Join Rev. Rebecca Broom in STRC's worship center as she tells the story of "The Great Banquet". From Young Children and Worship © 1989 Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman

Here is the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3l-Q_1bf_I

The offering box is located on the small table at the back of the church. The online link is STRCGIVING.ORG

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

The church office will be closed on Mondays.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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