

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



July 18, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Eighth 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

“A Christian’s Daily Prayer”

Merker/Kauflin

As morning dawns and day awakes
To You I bring my need
O Gracious God, my source of strength
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours, by Wisdom planned
Each deed empower'd by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand
Be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will
In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice
Be glorified today

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Open our lips, O Lord:

And we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, made haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer

Come, thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise to thee an altar
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, how I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Almighty and loving God, when we have failed to love you with all our heart and to acknowledge you as our Creator:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When we have failed to take part as disciples of Christ in the new creation he has brought: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we have failed to open our lives to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Oh, the mercy of God
The glory of grace
That You chose to redeem us
To forgive and restore
And You call us Your children
Chosen in You
To be holy and blameless
To the glory of God

Chorus

To the praise of Your glorious grace
To the praise of Your glory and power
To God be all glory, honor, and praise
Forever and ever and ever, Amen

Oh, the richness of grace
The depths of Your love
In You is redemption
The forgiveness of sin
And You called us as righteous
Destined in You
To be holy and blameless
To the glory of God (*chorus*)

Words of Assurance and Hope

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Response

"Thank You, Lord"

Spiritual

Thank you, Lord (3x)
I just want to thank you, Lord

Been so good (3x)
I just want to thank you, Lord

Made a way (3x)
I just want to thank you, Lord

Children's Message

*Hymn

'Lord, I Need You'

Maher

Lord, I come; I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (*Refrain*)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay (*Refrain*)

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

Scripture

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message

"Need"

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)

All I need, all I need
He is all I need
Jesus Christ is life to me
All I need, all I need
He alone is all my plea
He is all I need

Refrain:

Wisdom, righteousness, and power
Holiness forevermore
My redemption full and sure
He is all I need

He redeemed me when He died
All I need, all I need
I with Him was crucified
He is all I need (*refrain*)

He's the treasure of my soul
All I need, all I need
He has cleansed and made me whole
He is all I need (*refrain*)

***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!**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

‘We Are Called to Be God’s People’ AUSTRIAN HYMN

**We are called to be God’s people
Showing by our lives God’s grace
One in heart and one in spirit
Sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how You have changed us
And re-made us as Your own
Let us share our life together
As we shall around Your throne**

We are called to be God's servants
Working in the world today
Taking Your own task upon us
All Your sacred words obey
Let us rise, then, to Your summons
Dedicate to You our all
That we may be faithful servants
Quick to answer now Your call

We are called to be God's prophets
Speaking for the truth and right
Standing firm for godly justice
Bringing evil things to light
Let us seek the courage needed
Our high calling to fulfill
That the world may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will

Benediction

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.

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft and

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Save the Date: Jazz Vespers Sunday, August 1 Join us here in the **Sanctuary from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 1st**, for a **very special musical event; 'Jazz Vespers' featuring Dion Parson & Friends**, with STRC vocalists and musical guests! Enjoy an inspiring afternoon/evening of jazz & gospel with some of the best musicians around. This will be the first in a series of musical events at STRC; it's a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect with each other, and to get reacquainted with the wider island community. Light refreshments will be served; come for the entire time, or just pop in & out as your schedule permits--but don't miss it!! For more info, contact Chanelle.

Consistory will meet Tuesday at 6pm and the **STRC Endowment Team** meets Thursday at 6pm.

We extend our love and blessings to Elisabeth Anderson, Rob Upson & their son Adrian who are **relocating** to Oregon this week.

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 Augustine, 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) arrive on St Thomas on August 7. 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 as she tells the story of "The Good Shepherd". From Young Children and Worship © 1989 Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman

Here is the link. <https://youtu.be/KyRrZdHQWao>