

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



June 13, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Third 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

“Laudate Dominum”

Taizé

Laudate Dominum
Omnes gentes, Alleluia!

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord
Peoples, nations! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

The church is the place where the broken gather.

**Let us worship the One who reconciles us to one another
and to God.**

The church is the place where sinners are welcome.

**Let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into
new people.**

The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten,
the ignored gather.

Let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

Prayer

*Hymn

‘Let the Whole Creation Cry’

LLANFAIR

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
Raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!
Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to following you without question. Forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, allow the seed of faith in us to blossom into gifts of grace, forgiveness and peace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

Response

‘Cry of My Heart’

Butler

Chorus:

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You (chorus)

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You (chorus)

Words of Assurance and Hope

This is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death. Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.

Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are at peace; now, we can step forward in faith, to live with our God forever. Amen.

Choral Response

'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'

Hanson

Lord, let my heart be good soil
Open to the seed of Your word
Lord, let my heart be good soil
Where love can grow
And peace is understood
When my heart is hard
Break the stone away
When my heart is cold
Warm it with the day
When my heart is lost
Lead me on Your way
Lord, let my heart be good soil

Children's Message

*Hymn

'The Kingdom of Our God Is Like'

DOVE OF PEACE

The kingdom of our God is like
A treasure trove concealed
Beneath the ground
For which one sells
All else to buy that field
All else to buy that field

The kingdom of our God is like
A mustard seed in size
Which grows to offer
Nesting space
For every bird that flies
For every bird that flies

The kingdom of our God is like
A merchant, who to own
The rarest pearl
Sells everything
To gain that pearl alone
To gain that pearl alone

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

Scripture

Mark 4:26-34

Message

“Maybe It Is The Little Things After All”

Rev. Jeff Gargano

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

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

Offertory

“Wonderful Words of Life”

arr. Christopher

Sing them over again to me
Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see
Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
Wonderful words of life
Sinner, list' to the loving call
Wonderful words of life
All so freely given
Wooing us to heaven (*refrain*)

Sweetly echo the gospel call
Wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all
Wonderful words of life
Jesus, only Savior
Sanctify forever (*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**

'God of the Fertile Fields'

ITALIAN HYMN

God of the fertile fields
Shaper of earth that yields
Our daily bread
Forth from your bounteous hand
Come gifts your love has planned
That all in every land
Be clothed and fed

We would be stewards true
Holding in trust from you
All that you give
Help us in love to share
Teach us, like you, to care
For people everywhere
That all may live

**As grows the hidden seed
To fruit that serves our need
Your reign yet grows
So let our toil be used
No gift of yours abused
No humble task refused
Your love bestows**

**God of the countryside
Dear to the Christ who died
To make us one
We pledge our lives anew
In faithful love to you
Guide all we say and do
Till life is done**

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Reverend Jeff Gargano
Liturgist:	Chantal Figueroa
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 welcome Reverend Jeff Gargano back with us. He is the pastor of the Reformed Church of the Tarrytowns which continues the ministry of the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow. Prior to Tarrytown Jeff served the St. Thomas Reformed Church (1995-2009).

The offering box is located on the small table at the back of the church. The online link is [STRCGIVING.ORG](https://strgiving.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

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16; Psalm 133; Job 38:1-11;
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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