

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



June 20, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Fourth 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

“The Arms of My Father”

Chumchal

There is a place that I know	And know that it's all for me
Where I need more often to go	I fear nothing at all
A place of amazing comfort and rest	When I'm safe in the arms
Where a smile is never rare	Of my Father
And Your love is as free as the air	And if ever I fall
And I lack for nothing	I take comfort in knowing
When I can see the love in Your eyes	That You are there

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Gather us together, O God,

Bind us together in Your love.

No matter where we are, online or in this sanctuary,

We are Your body, O Christ.

The same Spirit that stirred the water of creation,

Stirs in our hearts and calls us to justice.

Guide us, O Holy One, in this time of worship:

Remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

*Hymn

‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’

Chisholm/Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love (*refrain*)

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside (*refrain*)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Anointing God, as you pour your forgiveness into our foolish lives. For the myriad ways we have strayed from the path you have chosen for us; forgive us, Lord. For our failure to trust you in the storms of life, and even more in the calm; forgive us, Lord. Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us, so we may blossom and share all these gifts with everyone we meet. We pray this in the name of Jesus...

Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus'

Kirkpatrick/Stead

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Just to take him at his word

Just to rest upon his promise

And to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him

How I've proved him o'er and o'er

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus

O for grace to trust him more

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace (*refrain*)**

Words of Assurance and Hope

God's love is not logical and understandable. For God forgives those we never would, and welcomes those we would continue to ignore.

This is the One who has mercy on everyone, pouring grace and joy into everyone, including us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Solo

'Rescue'
Grace King

Daigle

You are not hidden, there's never been a moment
You were forgotten, You are not hopeless
Though you have been broken, your innocence stolen

I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS
I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night, it's true
I will rescue you

There is no distance, that can not be covered
Over and over, You're not defenseless
I'll be your shelter, I'll be your armor
I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS, your SOS

Chorus

I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night it's true
I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight, it's true
I will rescue you

I hear the whisper underneath your breath
I hear you whisper you have nothing left (chorus)

Children's Message

*Hymn

'Within the Shelter of the Lord'

IONA

**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**

**Though brutal conflicts scar the day
Though nameless perils fill the night
God's presence calms our troubled minds
And puts our primal fears to flight
When sin persists and judgement falls
The true security is ours
Protected by the Lord, we stand
Beyond the grasp of evil powers**

**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**

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

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Message

"Stay Close"

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

“Peace, Be Still”

Cleveland

Penny Woods, soloist

Master, the tempest is raging
The billows are tossing high
The sky is o'er shadowed with blackness
No shelter or help is nigh
Carest Thou not that we perish?
How canst Thou lie asleep
When each moment so madly is threatening
A grave in the angry deep?

Chorus

The winds and the waves shall obey my will, peace be still
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea
Or demons, or men, or whatever it be
No water can swallow the ship where lies
The Master of ocean and earth and skies
They shall sweetly obey Thy will
Peace be still, peace be still
They all shall sweetly obey Thy will
Peace, peace be still

Master, with anguish of spirit
I bow in my grief today
The depths of my sad heart are troubled
Oh, waken and save, I pray
Torrents of sin and of anguish
Sweep o'er my sinking soul
And I perish, I perish, dear Master
Oh, hasten and take control

***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 Will Take of You'

Martin

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath the wings of love abide
God will take care of you

Refrain

God will take care of you
Through ev'ry day, o'er all the way
God will take care of you
God will take care of you

Through days of toil, when hearts may fail
God will take care of you
When dangers fierce your path assail
God will take care of you (*refrain*)

All you may need God will provide
God will take care of you
Nothing you ask will be denied
God will take care of you (*refrain*)

No matter what may be the test
God will take care of you
Lean, weary one, upon God rest
God will take care of you (*refrain*)

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Happy 75th Birthday to Bert Prince!

Congratulations to the seven **MBW graduates** who received their high school diplomas yesterday in a ceremony here at STRC!

**Tatyhane Colbert, Angel Cruz , Nickelle Lake , Akeem McIntosh
Bakabu Patrick, Alan Sprauve, Amon Re Smith**

And to this year's **STRC "Love Your Neighbor Award"** recipient Nickelle Lake, a \$500 scholarship awarded to one student for outstanding character and exemplary community service.

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." – Mark 12:30-31

Congratulations and blessings to Sydney Comissiong & Kyle Richardson who will be joined in marriage today in our sanctuary!

STRC is excited to welcome a **new Co-pastor** to work alongside Pastor Jeff. 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 Pastor Ben & his family in your prayers as they make this move to become part of our historic church and vibrant faith family!

SUMMER CAMP 2021 "All Good Gifts!" begins July 5! The first session is full. Check out the "STRC Summer Camp" Facebook page for more info.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Lamentations 3:22-33;
Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43