

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



*June 6, 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 for the growth and mission of the church.*

## “We Gather In God’s Presence...”

### Greeting and Ministry Updates

Prelude

“Un Dia de Noviembre”

Brouwer

Bonham Geller

### Call to Worship *(from Psalm 22:27)*

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

**Amen!**

Let us worship God who calls us all into his community: All  
the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

**And all the families of the nations shall worship before  
the Lord!**

Introit

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Prayer

Hymn

**'Come, We Who Love God's Name'**

*Watts/Lowry*

Come, we that love God's name  
And let our joys be known  
Together God's great love proclaim  
Together God's great love proclaim  
And thus surround the throne  
And thus surround the throne

Chorus: We're marching to Zion  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion  
We're marching upward to Zion  
The beautiful city of God

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God  
But we our thanks and praise will bring  
But we our thanks and praise will bring  
For love so deep and broad  
For love so deep and broad (Chorus)

God's grace on earth is found,  
The seeds of glory sown  
Celestial fruits on earthly ground  
Celestial fruits on earthly ground  
From faith and hope have grown  
From faith and hope have grown (Chorus)

Then let our songs abound  
And every tear be dry  
We're traveling through Emmanuel's ground  
We're traveling through Emmanuel's ground  
To greater worlds on high  
To greater worlds on high (Chorus)

### Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength. For the times we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; Lord, forgive us. When we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another; Lord, forgive us. In your mercy, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life...

#### Response

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

*SPIRITUAL*

I'm gonna \*live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna \*work ... I'm gonna \*pray...

#### Words of Assurance and Hope *(from 2 Corinthians 5:19)*

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Hear then Christ's word of grace, 'Your sins are forgiven'  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Children's Message Celebrating XYG graduates

#### Hymn

**'Lord, I Need You'**

*Maher*

Lord, I come; I confess  
Bowling 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**                      2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Message**                      "Breaking the Mold!"

**And Respond With Gratitude...**

**Offering**

(Mission focus: My Brother's Workshop – Jenny Hawkes, Executive Director)

(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](http://www.strcgiving.org))

**Offertory**

**"The Potter's Hand"**

Zschech

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour  
I know for sure all of my days are  
Held in Your hand, crafted into  
Your perfect plan

You gently call me into Your presence  
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life  
Through Your eyes

I'm captured by Your holy calling  
Set me apart, I know You're drawing  
Me to Yourself  
Lead me Lord I pray

Take me, mold me, Use me, fill me  
I give my life, To the Potter's hand  
Call me, guide me, Lead me, walk beside me  
I give my life, To the Potter's hand

**\*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!

**\*The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen**

## **A Celebration of Communion**

### **MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT**

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed. We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

**I was thirsty and you gave me drink.**

Here is the bread of life given for us;

**let all who hunger come and eat.**

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

**let all who thirst come and drink.**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.

Source of all life and goodness, You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty and preserve us by your providence.

With your whole church on earth and with all  
the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full  
Full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest**

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



## COMMUNION

### \*THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table,  
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**who heals all your diseases,**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise  
of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

*From Psalm 103, with additions*

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

Malotte

*(The congregation is invited to stand and sing)*

**Our Father, which art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy Name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power  
And the glory, forever Amen**

**\*Benediction**

**GIVING THANKS:**

**Leading Worship Today:**

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

**Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week**

**1 Samuel 15:34–16:13; Psalm 20  
Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34**

**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.

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

**We welcome Jenny Hawkes,**

Executive Director of **My Brother's Workshop,**

who will share some exciting news about the future of MBW!

[www.mybrothersworkshop.org](https://www.mybrothersworkshop.org)

With gratitude to Ty Troutman (Board President)  
& Anne Hemmert (Board Secretary).

**"All Good Gifts!"**

**Summer Camp 2021**

Two-week sessions beginning July 5\*

For more information check out our Summer Camp Facebook page!

[www.facebook.com/STRCsummercamp](https://www.facebook.com/STRCsummercamp)

or to register call Dawn @ 340-776-8255.

\*times and location TBD based on  
up-to-date CDC and DOH guidelines.

**We celebrate our XYG High School graduates:**

Joshua Bearden

Marissa Bornn

Chantel Carty

Devonte Duncan

Hobie James

Andrew Kowalski

Eliana Lima

Aviela Maynard

Dalton Parr

Rose Whitter

*In loving memory of Tyler Yannone*

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