

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



May 9, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Easter

The liturgical color today is white in celebration of our risen Lord!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

Prayer

*Song

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

AUSTIN

Like a mother who has borne us
Held us close in her delight.
Fed us freely from her body
God has called us into life.
Like a father who has taught us
Grasped our hand and been our guide
Lifted us and healed our sorrows
God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered
Placed our trust in power and might
Left behind our brothers, sisters
God still calls us into life.
When we offer food and comfort
Grasp our neighbor's hand in love
Tread the path of peace and justice
God still walks with us in life.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. When we push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom, Lord forgive us. When we fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other, Lord forgive us. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

Response

“Abide with Me”

EVENTIDE

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, God, with me abide
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
O, Thou who changest not, abide with me

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

Anthem

"The Word"

Allen

Isabella Romano, Elizabeth Strickling

*Song

"Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood**

Chorus

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love**

Chorus

**Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love**

Chorus

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

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Message

"I Would Die for You!"

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory

"I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all*

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, they turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

*Benediction



Happy
mother's
day
♥

A handwritten message in brown ink on a light-colored background. The text 'Happy mother's day' is written in a cursive, flowing script. Below the word 'day', there is a small, simple heart symbol.

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Liturgist:	Andrew Kowalski
Guitar:	James Anderson
Song Leaders:	Lori Abbotts, Andrea Lee
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.

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.

The Choir is BACK!

Thanks to the updated recommendations from the CDC,

the STRC Adult Choir will resume rehearsals,

starting Thursday, May 13th

from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

in the Sanctuary!

All are welcome--

the only requirement for membership

is the ability to match pitch--no previous experience necessary!

Join us as we make a joyful noise

to the Lord in a wide variety of styles and genres.

For more info, contact Chanelle

at music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

Temperature Takers Needed for the Summer

We are delighted to have the opportunity to worship together in person again, but we do need to continue to follow safety protocols in order to continue having the freedom to gather. We are looking for a team of rotating volunteers who would be willing to take temperatures for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve our congregation, please call or email Kim Dennis at 952-212-1783 or kdennis426@gmail.com.

The Ladies Bible Study concluded our Bible study of Joseph in affiliation with BSF International non denominational Bible studies.

In the fall we will be studying Matthew. If you are interested in doing an in-depth Bible study beginning in September call either Robin Marsella (6105978312) or Edye Ciaccia (6787725412) to sign up . May you all have a blessed summer and rest of this school year.

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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