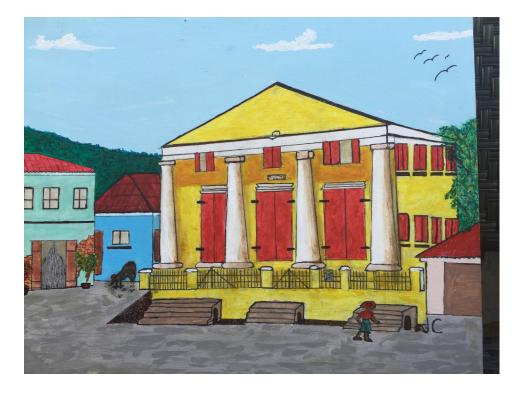
St. Thomas Reformed Church St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands Founded 1660



October 18, 2020 We Welcome One and All In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth of the church!

"We Gather In God's Presence..."

Greeting and Ministry Opportunities

Introit

"Speak, O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth; plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience Holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Prayer

Song

'O God of Vision'

LOVE DEN HERREN

O God of vision Far greater than all human scheming Gather us now in Your presence Refreshing redeeming Show us anew Life in Your breathtaking view Lovely beyond all our dreaming

Pour out Your Spirit on all Now assembled before You Make our diversity here Be a means to adore You Women and men young old and youthful again Make us as one we implore You

> Grant to us insight O God For this time of decision May we dream challenging dreams Of both depth and precision Speak through the dark Dispel by lightning's bright spark Whatever clouds dim our vision

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, here we are with many faults together with our few gifts and loves. Here we are with the fruits of some wisdom but also with the weeds of our folly. Here we are bearing the gratitude for a small victories yet shame for soft defeats. Here we are aware of some sins but blind to other aspects of evil in our lives. Here we are wanting you to know it all, to forgive the ugly and rescue the beautiful. God our Savior, here we are totally dependent on your gift of salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord...

Silence is kept ...

Assurance of Pardon

Song

'Give Me Jesus'

Spiritual

In the morning when I rise (3x) Give me Jesus

Chorus: Give me Jesus (2x) You can have all this world Give me Jesus

And when I am alone (3x) Give me Jesus (chorus)

And when I come to die (3x) Give me Jesus (chorus)

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Message "Faith and Politics!"

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

"Have Thine Own Way" Andrew Neevel, soloist

Miller

Have Thine own way, Lord Search me and try me, Savior, I pray Mold me and make me after Thy will While I am waiting, yielded and still Search me and try me, Savior, today Wash me right now, Lord While in Thy presence humbly I bow Have Thine own way, Lord Wounded and weary, help me, I pray Fill with Thy Spirit, till all shall see Christ only, always living in me

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Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 'Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness'

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness You have spoken - we rejoice Words of love and life and freedom Help us make their truth our choice Now in holy celebration For your Word we worship you Spoken, written, known in Jesus Ours today to prove anew

May we hear with understanding By your Spirit taught and led May the springs of all our being By your living Word be fed May our hearts accept with meekness All the grace your light makes known May obedience mark our footsteps Till we make each word our own

You have spoken; yours the fullness Ours the wealth of this, your Word Debtors, then, as living letters We must make your gospel heard By your Spirit's power transform us Shed your saving light abroad Till our lives by love in action Show our world the truth of God

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:Leading Worship Today:Ministers:All of us viewing togetherPreaching:Pastor Jeffrey NeevelMusic:Chanelle Schaffer, Andrew NeevelLive Stream Team:James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

WELCOME ... we are so thankful to have you worshipping with us today.

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm using Zoom. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

The Men's Ministry Bible Study also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information 340-474-0472 or <u>forrestbroom@gmail.com</u>.

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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