

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



*October 25, 2020*

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

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# Twenty-first 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**

**“In Christ Alone”**

*Getty/Townend*

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His, and He is mine  
Bought with the precious love of Christ

## Call to Worship

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

**Amen!**

## Prayer

## Song

## ‘Immortal, Invisible’

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight  
All praises we render: O help us to see  
That only the splendor of light hideth Thee

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families, yet are unable to tell them how much we love them; we care more about our needs and desires than for the struggles of our neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the Spirit of wisdom and truth. Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

*Silence is kept...*

### Assurance of Pardon

#### Song

**‘Open the Eyes of My Heart’**

*Baloche*

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you (2x)**

**To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy (3x)  
I want to see You**

## **...To Hear God's Word...**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 22: 34 - 46**

**Message**

**“The Wrong Side of History!”**

## **...And Respond with Gratitude**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**“Oh, the Depth”**

*Johnson, arr. Schaffer*

**Oh, the depth of the riches  
Of the wisdom and the knowledge of God**

**Who has known the mind of the Lord  
Or who has been God's counselor  
How unsearchable God's judgement  
How untraceable God's ways**

**Who has ever given to God  
And has to have the gift repaid  
How unsearchable God's judgement  
How untraceable God's ways**

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**Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

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  
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*)

## **GIVING THANKS:**

### **Leading Worship Today:**

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Ministers:        | All of us viewing together |
| Preaching:        | Pastor Jeffrey Neevel      |
| Liturgist:        | Cathy Clements             |
| Music:            | Chanelle Schaffer          |
| Live Stream Team: | James Anderson, James Cobb |

**WELCOME ... thank you for your faithful following of our online services and commitment to worshipping the Lord each week with us.**

**Please let Pastor Jeff or Dawn know if you are having difficulty with some of the aspects of this “new normal”. Maybe we can help! Are you able to watch the Sunday service? Are your children able to do their schoolwork online? We are here for you so reach out with any issues that are of importance to you and your family.**

**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 [forrestbroom@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbroom@gmail.com).

## Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

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*"The Lord! The Lord!*

*... abounding in steadfast  
and faithfulness ... Love*



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