

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”

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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'

ST. DENIO

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
worshiping 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.

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

Exodus 34:14

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