

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



October 4, 2020

CONFIRMATION & WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Announcements

Choral Introit “Here Is Bread, Here is Wine”

Kendrick

**Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us: He is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here**

**Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us: He is with us
Know His grace, find His peace
Feast on Jesus here**

**Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us: He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Christ is with us here**

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

From north and south, from east and west, we come:
God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across island, from single households, villas, apartments and beach condos:
God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status;

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

Prayer

Hymn

'The Church's One Foundation'

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord
We are His new creation by water and the Word
From Heaven he came and sought us to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought us, and for our life He died

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth
Our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name professing and at one table fed
To one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led

Oh Christ, the great foundation on which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvation in every age and land
Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth
We bear Christ's own impression, the sign of second birth
One holy people, gathered in love beyond our own
By grace we were invited: by grace we make You known

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(***Silence is kept between each petition)*

God, forgive my incompleteness: not growing in
Christ, not expanding my knowledge of the
Scriptures, not developing all my talents.

God, forgive my disinterest: a lack of concern for needs around me, apathy regarding the lostness of millions, blindness to hurts I could help heal.

God, forgive my dishonesty: taking the easy way rather than the right way, speaking in one manner while living in another, silencing truth to preserve tranquility, settling for less than what is best, loving tradition more than obeying your pioneering Spirit.

God, forgive my silence: feeling love and failing to whisper it, reeling with joy and not shouting hallelujah, knowing truth and forfeiting an opportunity to share it, sensing a need to share my faith and squelching the impulse.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Assurance of Pardon

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love;

forgiven, we are freed to forgive;

graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way
Thou art the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me after thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way
Search me and try me, Savior today
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now
As in thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way
Wounded and weary, help me I pray
Power, all power, surely is thine
Touch me and heal me Savior divine**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me**

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Message

"COVID Will Kill the Church"

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

(video of Mission Team)

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Invitation to join Confirmation and World Communion live...

Confirmation

Natalia Figueroa (mentor: Maxine Fuentes)

Grace King (mentor: Chanelle Schaffer)

Tyler Yannone (mentor: Ryan Wisehart)

A Celebration of World Communion

Communion

Solo

“Help Me Believe”

Franklin

Grace King

I wanna believe

But I'm having a hard time seeing past what I see right now

I wanna be free

But when I try to fly, I realize I don't know how

No one showed me how

Wish I could see that this mess I'm in will really work out

For my good, you said it would

So, if you can hear me, can you give me a sign

'Cause I don't feel you like I should, please if you could

My faith is almost gone, I can't hold on much longer

Take this cup from me

Help me Believe

Can I believe

Let Me believe

I wanna believe

I'm no good on my own, please give me another chance

It's hard to believe in what I can't see

To give you my will, 'cause you're what's better for me

You can look in my eyes and see I wanna

Believe, believe, believe, believe

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Grace King
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

WELCOME ... we are so happy to have you with us today.
Next Sunday we will celebrate Birthday Sunday
a new way, online! Here is the info to connect.

Zoom Meeting ID: 824 8316 2684

Passcode: 007501

Contact Elisabeth Anderson

@ mewanderson@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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:

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Announcement

BREAKING BREAD – ZOOM EDITION

Do you miss greeting and connecting with other people after church on Sundays? Feeling isolated by the pandemic? We have an answer for you! Our “Breaking Bread” program is now virtual. You will be part of a small group that meets once a month to share a meal together using Zoom! A great way to reconnect without ever having to leave your home. (Help will be made available for those who need assistance with the Zoom setup.) This session will run for October, November and December, 2020. Sign up with Jan Swenson by Oct. 11th at island_jan1@yahoo.com. Please include names of participants, phone numbers and email addresses.

Let's reunite by breaking some bread together
– VIRTUALLY!

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