

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



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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”**

## Greeting and Ministry Updates

**Introit**

**“Hunger and Thirst”**

*Moffitt/Smith*

I hunger and thirst for You  
In the desert of my need  
You’re the fountain that I seek  
You’re the Living Water I keep running to

Heaven’s Manna, Bread of Life  
Fill this emptiness inside  
Nothing else can satisfy

Draw me closer to Your heart  
To the truth of all You are  
Every day I need You, Lord  
To make me new

## Call to Worship

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

**Amen!**

## Prayer

Hymn

**'Let All Things Now Living'**

ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us  
By guiding us on to the end of our days  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished  
As forward we travel from light into Light**

**By law God enforces the stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**It seems we cannot decide, God of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our own needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, or home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us). Forgive us, Prince of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continually complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

Thank You for Your mercy, thank You for Your grace  
 Thank You for Your love that's made a way  
 To come into Your presence and glorify Your name  
 Lord I stand amazed at what I see

Great is Your mercy toward me,  
 Your lovingkindness toward me  
 Your tender mercies I see day after day  
 Forever faithful to me, always providing for me  
 Great is Your mercy toward me, great is Your grace

Your promises are ageless, Your love will never end  
 For a thousand generations Your covenant will stand  
 Showing grace and mercy to those who fear Your name  
 Establishing Your righteousness and praise

**Words of Assurance and Hope**

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

**God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Song**

**‘Day by Day’**

*BLOTT EN DAG*

Day by day and with each passing moment  
 Strength I find to meet my trials here  
 Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment  
 I've no cause for worry or for fear  
 He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
 Gives unto each day what He deems best  
 Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure  
 Mingling toil with peace and rest

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me  
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself He laid  
As your days, your strength shall be in measure  
This the pledge to me He made

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation  
So to trust your promises, O Lord  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within your holy Word  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting  
'Til I reach the promised land

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

**Scripture Reading**            Exodus 16:2 - 15

**Message**                    "Give Us and Forgive Us!"

**...And Respond with Gratitude**

**Offering**                    [STRCGIVING.ORG](http://STRCGIVING.ORG)

**Offertory**                    "Classic Sonatina"  
Ellis Wisehart, piano

*Faber*

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer**

# Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

## Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

**'God Will Take Care of You'**

*Martin*

**Be not dismayed whate'er betide  
God will take care of you  
Beneath the wings of love abide  
God will take care of you**

**Refrain**

**God will take care of you  
Through ev'ry day, o'er all the way  
God will take care of you  
God will take care of you**

**Through days of toil, when hearts may fail  
God will take care of you  
When dangers fierce your path assail  
God will take care of you (Refrain)**

**All you may need God will provide  
God will take care of you  
Nothing you ask will be denied  
God will take care of you (Refrain)**

**No matter what may be the test  
God will take care of you  
Lean, weary one, upon God rest  
God will take care of you (Refrain)**

**Benediction**

## GIVING THANKS:

### Leading Worship Today:

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

**WELCOME ...** and thank you for  
joining in worship this morning!

### Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

**The Ladies Bible Study** is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. 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).

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