

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



September 27, 2020

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Seventeenth 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

“Let the Bright Seraphim”

Michael Barr, trumpet

Handel

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Prayer

Hymn

‘Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah’

CMW RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Bear me through the swelling current
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope...

Silence is kept...

Words of Assurance and Hope

**Be still, my soul: for God is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Trust in your God, your Savior and your guide
Who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end**

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
The voice that calmed them in this world below**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall dwell with God forevermore
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last**

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1 - 7

Message

"A Sermon That Was Never Preached"

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

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Offertory

“Always More”

Cowart/Voss/Larring

The Lord is my shepherd, whom shall I fear
The Lord is my anchor and I am secure
You are my refuge, why should I run from You
You keep me through danger, You're guarding my way
You never forsake me, You always remain
You're where I belong, You are where I will stay

I will gaze and behold Your beauty
I will dwell in Your house, O God
I won't leave till You meet here with me
You're the one worth waiting for
You are the reason for my being
You are the cup that overflows
You are the river never-ending
With You Lord, there's always more
You're always more

God of salvation right from the start
There is only one longing, one song in my heart
I must have Your presence; oh, to be where You are

You are always more
Always more
More than enough, than enough
You are always more

Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

'Like a River Glorious'

WYE VALLEY

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace
Over all victorious in its bright increase
Perfect, yet it flowest fuller every day
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as God promised, perfect peace and rest

Hidden in the hollow of God's mighty hand
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there (*refrain*)

Every joy or trial falleth from above
Traced upon our dial by the sun of love
We may trust God fully all for us to do
Those who trust God wholly find God wholly true (*refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction **"Sevenfold Amen"**

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GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Michael Barr
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton
Virtual Choir:	Joy Aird, Elisabeth Anderson, Geoffrey Barnard, William Howe, Andrea Lee, Fred Northup, Julie Northup, Jeffrey Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman

WELCOME ... we are so happy to have you with us today.

Next week (Sunday October 4), join us for a very special service of Confirmation and World Communion. Three students, Natalia Figueroa, Grace King and Tyler Yannone will make their Confirmation followed by communion.

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7;
Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46**

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.

Announcements

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. 10th 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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