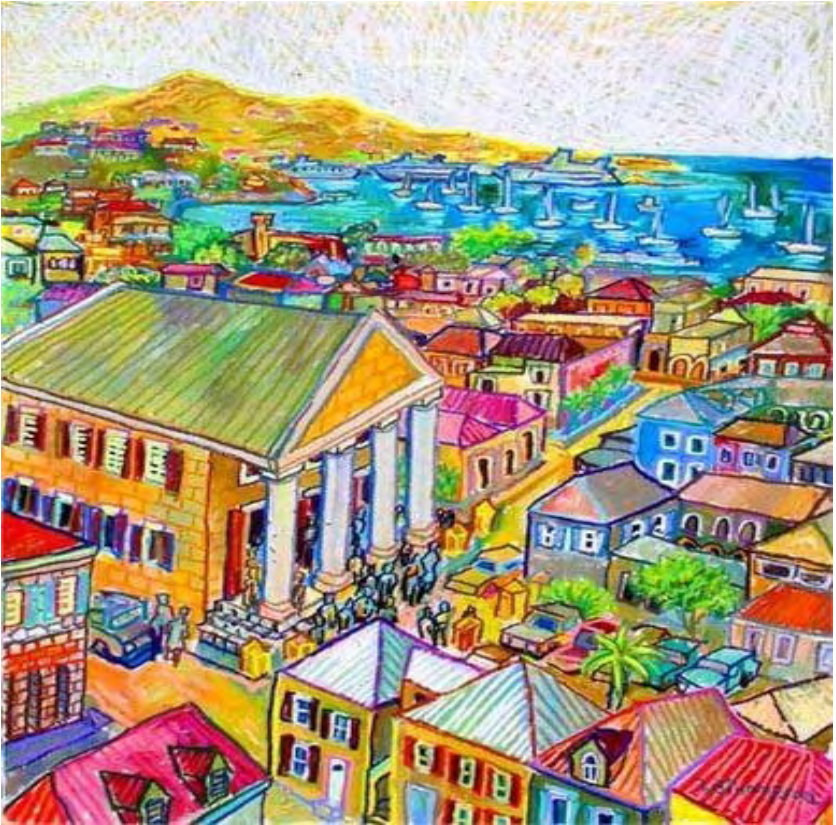


St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

June 17, 2018

All are Welcome
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth and mission of the Church!

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Prelude Music

(Please take time to prepare for worship and silence electronic devices)

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Rev. Rebecca McDonnell

Introit

“Father God ”

Hayford

*Father God, I give all thanks and praise to Thee
Father God, my hands I humbly raise to Thee
For Thy mighty power and love amazes me
And I stand in awe and worship, Father God*

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,

We are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

We are here to thank you.

God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

We rejoice in your glorious love.

Prayer

*Hymn #560

‘Leaning on the Everlasting Arms’

Showalter

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Forgive us when we neglect that call and step outside of your divine will. Merciful Lord, free us from guilt through your Son that we may continue the work of mercy. Help us to be as compassionate with others as He has been with us. Hear our prayer O Lord...

Response #305

‘Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying’

Medema

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Choir Anthem "My Father's Child" Cloninger/Rhodes

*I ask, You answer; I knock, You open wide
I pray, You hear me; I call, You're by my side
I fall, You lift me; I call, and You are there
Father, I'll always, always love You
You are my Father, my heavenly Father
You know my tears and my smiles
And I am my Father's child
I have a Father, He formed my heart
Before even time began, my life was in His hands*

Children's Message

***Hymn** "Children of the Heavenly Father" TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
*See page 4.
(Children under the age of 10 are excused to Activity Time.)*

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

Scripture John 16:17-33 P 984

Message "The Love of the Father" Malcolm Schweizer Elder VP

Offering

Offertory "Think About His Love" Harrah, arr Schaffer

*Think about His love, think about His goodness
Think about His grace that's brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love*

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 86** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chisholm

*Benediction

...Depart in peace



Children of the Heavenly Father 141

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
 2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish;
 3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
 4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;

nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv - en.
 from all e - vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

WORDS: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1855, trans. by Ernst W. Olson, 1925 TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
 MUSIC: Swedish melody 88.88

Trans. © 1925, renewed 1953 Augsburg/Fortress

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Elder Malcolm Schweizer
Liturgist:	Rev. Rebecca McDonnell
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, the Adult & Children's Choirs
Greeters:	Jules Odom and Jules Lagarde
Head Ushers:	Dr. Adam Flowers and John Woods
Audio:	Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

Welcome and Happy Father's Day! Thank you to Malcolm Schweizer and Rev. Rebecca McDonnell for leading us in worship this morning.

Summer Camp (for children ages 5 to 13) will run from July 9th to August 3rd at Magens Bay.

The STRC at the Long Path Community Center after school program is looking to borrow odds and ends for its end of year party. The theme is traditional carnival games. We are also looking for a Mocko Jumbie or other "circus performers." Please contact Lucy or Noel at strcatlpcc@gmail.com

Music & Arts Updates

Children's Choir on break!

The Children's Choir will be off until September.

Adult Choir meets this week as usual.

The last rehearsal until September for the Adult Choir will be on Thursday evening. They have a break over the summer.

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship Activity Time
Tues., June 19	11:30 - 1 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Thurs. June 21	6:00-7:30 p.m. 6:15 - 8 p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal (Music Room) Women's Bible Study (Hodges' home)
Sat., June 23	11:00 - 2:30 p.m. Noon to 5:00 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch Long Path End of Year Carnival! (LPCC)
Sun., June 24	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship

Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- 1 Samuel 17:(1,4-11, 19-23), 32-49
- Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
- Psalm 133
- Job 38:1-11
- Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:235-41

Salvation Army helpers this week:

Tom Baily, Joe Tulis and Mac Davis

A Women's Bible Study continues with fifth session on Thursday, at 6:15 pm at Billie Hodges' home. It is a 6 week DVD study on Open Doors: "All the places to go; How will you know?" by John Ortberg.

The nursery in the Bakery Square annex is open to children three and under.

Both bathrooms are available in the Undercroft as well as the two inside the Bakery Square gate.

Old towels needed to be used for the "Church Scrubbin" that is being planned. Donations of your cast off towels can be dropped into the bins in the back of the church next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- SERVE youth mission week June 21-29
- For Health, healing and well-being
 - Benjamin Salas
 - Robert deJongh
- Hannah Upp, Georgia Anne Murphy and all those missing since Irmaria
- STRC Prison Ministry prayer requests:
 - for all who need to come to Jesus.
 - for staff, guards and all who work there
 - for those with mental health issues

*If you would like prayers added to our Sunday prayer list please contact Pastor Jeff at mail@stthomsreformedchurch.org or call the church office at 340-776-8255.

STRC Church APP available! Includes the morning bulletin and scripture passages. Download free and follow STRC on your smartphone! Also, send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Jeff!

Message Notes

RC² News and Updates

SERVE arrives on Thursday. Still in need of a couple more prayer partners. Have a few hours to spare? We can use some volunteers during the week of June 21 -29, 2018 to assist in setting-up, helping in the preparation of food, serving food, cleaning-up or making runs to the store. There are numerous other ways you can HELP. Please call Nicole Jackson (340) 422-1880 or Vicky Gomez Christian (340) 998-0019 or chat with them after service for more details.

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