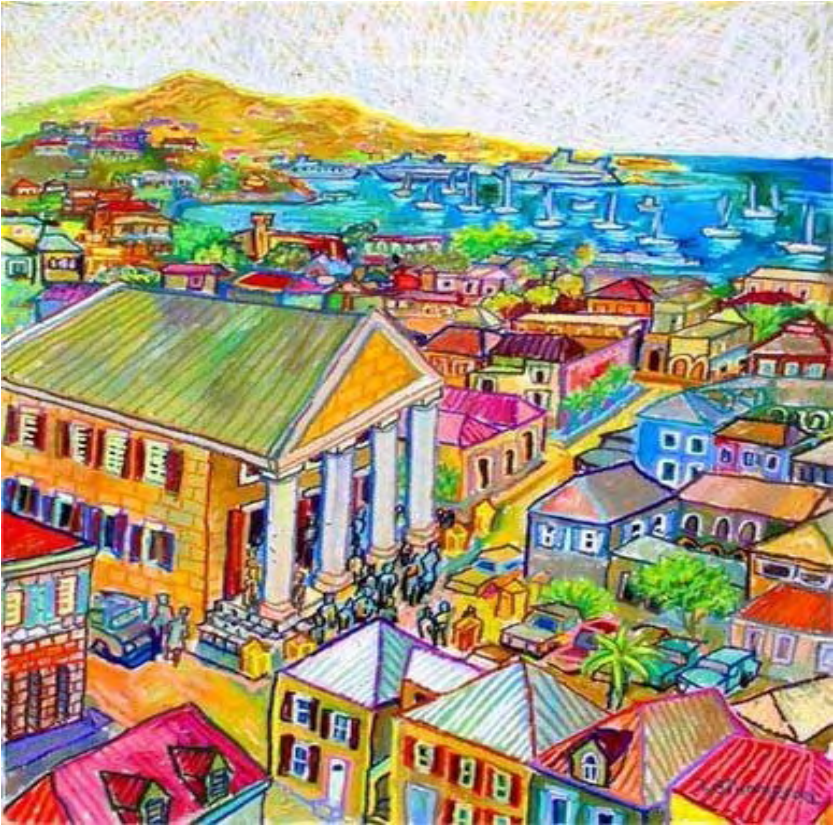


St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

July 8, 2018

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

Seventh 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

Introit

“God Is Our Refuge ”

Mozart

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

O Lord our God, we gather from the valleys of life, rising up from the deep shadows of our troubles:

To worship in the bright light of God’s presence.

We gather to worship the steadfast God, who helps us overcome our fears and superstitions:

To worship in the protecting presence of God.

We gather to worship the watchful God, whose attention never wavers, and whose care is eternal:

Come, let us worship our God, who is more dependable than the mountains, and more reliable than the sunrise. Amen.

Prayer

*Hymn # 64

‘We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God’

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

Response # 713

'God Of Our Life' v 1,2

SANDON

Words of Assurance and Hope

Anthem

“There’s a Lifting”

Johnson

Children’s Message

***Hymn**

‘Not Afraid’

Lopez

See page 4.

(Children under the age of 10 are excused to Activity Time.)

...To Hear God’s Word...

Scripture

Psalm 121

P 560

Message

“My Help!”

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“My Help”

Farris

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn # 67**

‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’

ST. ANNE

***Benediction**

...Depart in peace



Not Afraid

Words and Music by
JOSH LOPEZ

Broadly (♩ = 52)

1 E^b Cm B^b sus A^b E^b Cm B^b sus E^b Cm B^b A^b E^b Cm B^b A^b

Through the

9 E^b Cm B^b A^b E^b Cm B^b A^b

rain, through the clouds, through the test and the trials You hold me. In the

13 E^b Cm B^b A^b F⁷ Cm B^b A^b

highs, in the lows, in the midst of the storms, Your hands won't let go. You won't let go.

CHORUS Cm B^b A^b E⁷ Cm B^b A^b

I will not be a - fraid for I know — who holds my to - mor - row. And I —

21 E^b Cm B^b A^b E⁷ Cm

— will not be a - fraid for I know — You'll make a way.

24 1. B^b A^b E⁷ Cm B^b A^b E⁷ Cm B^b B^b sus 2. B^b A^b

— You'll make a way.

Through the

My rock, my shield, my help, my stength, my hope, my God will

to chorus

7

make

a

way,

(My)

Message Notes

Music & Arts Updates

Psalm Series

Throughout the month of July, Pastor Jeff will be preaching on the Psalms. The number of choral masterpieces that have been set to Psalm texts is extensive, and we're fortunate to be joined by the Summer Camp Staff, who'll be singing selections written for each specific Psalm. Don't miss any of these very special musical services!

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Amy, Rachel and Jake Himes, Tate DeWalt, Tama McConnell and Carley Clontz
Greeters:	Linda Thomas and Edye Ciaccia
Head Usher:	Dr. Adam Flowers
Audio:	Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

Welcome to our off-island **Summer Camp Staff** and returning camp counselors and staff! Please keep them in your prayers these next 4 weeks as we share Christ's light and love and recall the "Rainbows after the Storm", God's promises of care throughout life. Summer Camp begins tomorrow at Magens Bay!

Camp Director: Brittany Bryan

Teachers

Arts and Crafts: Amy Stewart-Himes

Music: Tama McConnell

Recreation: Tate DeWalt

Swim: Rachel Himes

Counselors

Red Fish: Sonrisa O'Neal

Purple Fish: Christian Flowers

Green Fish: Gregory Christian

Yellow Fish: Amber Knight

Jr. Counselors: Hope Flowers, TJ Flowers, Eliana Lima and Diego Villegas

Swim Staff: Imanie Wilkinson, Jikelle Michale and Nalani Figueroa

Helper: Arianna Richards

Today is part 2 of a **5-week sermon series** on the Psalms. Next week's Psalm will be 84.

The nursery in the Bakery Square annex is available for children 3 and under.

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

Salvation Army Helpers this week

Mac Davis, Tom Baily, and Joe Tulis

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., July 10	11:30 - 1 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Sat., July 14	11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., July 15	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Communion and Sunday Worship Activity Time

Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19
- Psalm 24
- Amos 7:7-15
- Psalm 85:8-13
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- Cymari Fredericks, Sr requested prayers for his family, “to be safe and to walk the right parts of the rocky roads we live in”.
- Thanksgiving for Bob Petersen’s safe rescue and return home
- Celebrating milestones this week:
 - Jeni Smith’s 70th Birthday (7/4)
 - Doris Comissiong’s 99th Birthday today!
 - God’s continued blessings to Adam and Maria (Vicky) Christian as they celebrate their 22nd Wedding Anniversary(7/6)

*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!

RC² News and Updates

SERVE:

To all who volunteered to be Prayer Partners during the SERVE week please look on the table at the back of the Church (at the completion of service) for a small appreciation (one per family).

RC²:

Our off island summer camp staff are staying on site for the next four weeks.

STRC Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Neevel

Minister of Music & Arts: Chanelle Schaffer

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Retreat Center Coordinator: Maria V. Gomez Christian

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