

St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

February 10, 2019

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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, but afraid to follow.

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and gifted with courage.

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and given good news to share.

Let us worship God who called us to this place.

Amen.

Introit

“Hush, Hush”

Spiritual

Prayer

*Hymn # 589

‘Lord, I Want to Be a Christian’

Spiritual

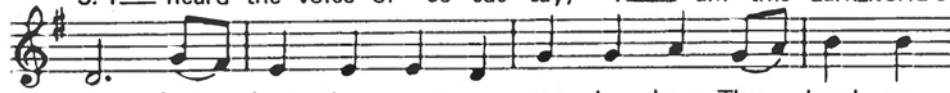
Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

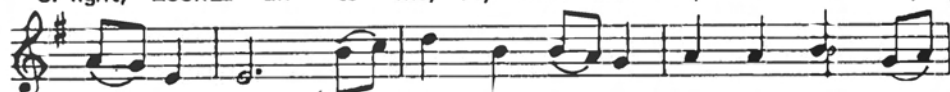
God enthroned in heaven: most of us would not consider ourselves to be holy. We often think of others as inconveniences or intrusions, not as sisters or brother. When we look at others with pride or spite, not through the eyes of compassion, forgive us Lord. When we are so busy listening to ourselves that we cannot hear the anguish and loneliness of our neighbors, forgive us Lord. You have set us apart so we might be a partner with hurting people. We belong to your Kingdom so we might bring others in to live with us. Help us risk following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who first risked calling us as disciples...

Response**'I Heard the Voice of Jesus'***Traditional*

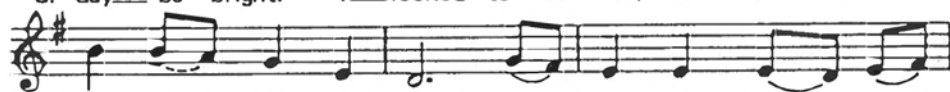
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's



1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy



1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was,
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In



1. Wea - ry and worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of



1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Words of Assurance and Hope

The Holy One became wholly human so we might know love. The One enthroned on high endured the Cross so we might have life. Believe this good news: in Christ we are forgiven!

By God's grace, we are who we are: forgiven and restored people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Response**"I'm Determined"***Traditional***Children's Message****Our Family's History****Felipe Ayala*****Hymn #344****'I Have Decided to Follow Jesus'****ASSAM**

..To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Luke 5: 1-11

P 937

Message

“Jesus, My Lord!”

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“Witness”
Dr. Ronald Nimmo, soloist

Spiritual, arr. Johnson

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #583

‘Lead Me, Guide Me’

Akers

*Benediction

*Postlude

....Depart in peace



GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff
Liturgist:	Chantel Carty
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Lori Abbotts, Andrea Lee, and Dr. Ronald Nimmo
Greeters:	Nick & Joyce Bailey and Debbie Davis
Ushers:	Dr. Adam Flowers , Joel Comissiong
Audio:	James Cobb, Henry Ong, Tyler Yannone

A warm welcome to our visitors. You are invited to complete the visitor registration forms at the end of the pew or on the back table.

Black History Month: The economic conditions of World War I led to a massive movement of African Americans from the South to the North, known as the Great Migration, one of the largest and most rapid mass internal movements in history - perhaps the greatest not caused by the immediate threat of execution or starvation. In keeping with the 2019 theme **“Black Migrations”** we are highlighting some of our own STRC family history in the Virgin Islands. (*Today’s family highlight - Felipe Ayala*)

Sunday School classes have begun! Students will meet each Sunday in the Pavilion between 9 and 9:15 and will be taken to their respective classrooms. At the end of the session they will be walked to the Sanctuary prior to the start of the Worship Service so they can sit with their families.

The nursery is located in the Bakery Square annex is open to children 3 years and under. Parents take turns supervising the youngsters. Parents are also needed to volunteer to be responsible for Activity Time.

Bathrooms are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

Worship Team meets Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30p.m. in the Music Room. Join us in exploring the many ways in which the creative & performing arts can be used to enhance and deepen the experience of worship. New members are always welcome! For more info, contact Chanelle.

Today is Birthday Sunday!

We will celebrate with a cake from My Brother's Workshop Bakery and cold refreshments. Please join us following the Worship Service in the Pavilion.

XYG Mission (High School Youth) meets after worship today (11:30 - 1 p.m.) at the Parsonage. **Parents will meet in the Undercroft at the same time.**

Other Important Dates:

- Sat. 2/16 - Community Outreach: Recycling at Plaza Extra (8 a.m. - noon)
- Sun. 2/17 - BBQ and Bake Sale after worship

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 9:15 - 9:55 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. After Service 11:30 - noon 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time (at MBW) Sunday School Sunday Worship Senior High Session (Conference Room) Birthday Sunday (Pavilion) Children's Choir Rehearsal (MR) XYG Mission meeting (at Parsonage)
Tuesday Feb. 12	11:30 - 1:00 p.m. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch Worship Team (Music Room)
Thursday Feb. 14	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday Feb. 16	8:00 a.m. - noon 11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	XYG Recycling at Plaza Extra Bethlehem House Lunch
Sunday Feb. 17	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. After Service 11:30 - noon	Fellowship Time Sunday School Sunday Worship XYG BBQ/Bake Sale (Pavilion) Children's Choir Rehearsal (MR)

RC2 NEWS UPDATE

We are delighted to **WELCOME BACK** a team of volunteers from **Grace Chapel Zeeland** in Zeeland, Michigan. We had the pleasure of hosting a team of 16 volunteers from Grace Chapel Zeeland in May 2018. This year's small but mighty team of five volunteers is led by Bob and Janet Weilenga. The group will be staying at the Retreat Center from Feb 8 - 15, engaging in rebuilding and community outreach activities.



Grace Chapel Zeeland Volunteer Group in May 2018

Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
 - Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 - Luke 6:17-26

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- ◆ Associate Pastor search process and search committee
Committee members: Malcolm Schweizer (Chair), Nalani Figueroa, Bridget Gallagher, Amber Knight, Steve Marsella, Rebecca McDonnell and Bill Thompson
- ◆ For healing and hope: Betty King, Robert deJongh
- ◆ Hannah Upp, Georgia Ann Murphy and all missing persons in the VI
- ◆ STRC Prison ministry

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

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