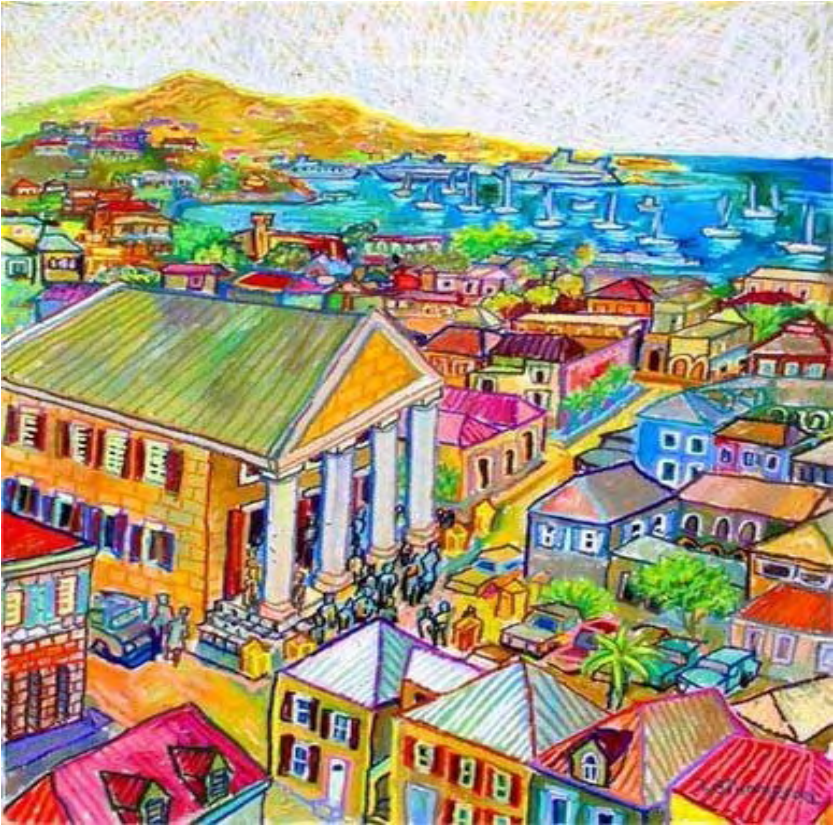


St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

June 10, 2018

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

Third 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

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God ”

Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from thy presence
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me*

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day of new beginnings!

This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

Prayer

*Hymn #16

‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’

NETTLETON

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray...

Response #340

‘Softly and Tenderly’
Verses 1 & 3

Thompson

Words of Assurance and Hope

In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless,
I cried out to God.

And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

And God found me and brought me home.

When my life was filled with joy and blessing,
I danced and praised God.

And God danced and rejoiced with me.

In Jesus’ name, we can live as a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God. AMEN.

Duet

“Agnus Dei”

Dengler

Lori Abbotts & Andrea Lee/ Nancy Dobbs Owen

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, and grant us peace*

Children’s Message

***Hymn**

‘O Give Thanks’
See page 5.

McAllister/O’Neal

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

...To Hear God’s Word...

Scripture

Genesis 3:8-13

P 3

Message

“An Eye for an Eye, a Pen for a Pen!”

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“Oh the Mercy of God”

Bullock

*Oh the mercy of God, the glory of grace
That You choose to redeem us, to forgive and restore
And You call us Your children, chosen in You
To be holy and blameless, to the glory of God*

*To the praise of Your glorious Grace
To the praise of Your glory and power
To God be all glory honor and praise
Forever and ever Amen*

*Oh the richness of grace, the depths of Your love
In You is redemption, the forgiveness of sin
You called us as righteous, predestined in You
For the praise of Your glory, Included in Christ.*

*Oh the glory of God expressed in God's Son
Your image and likeness revealed to us all
The plan of the ages completed in Christ
That we be presented, perfected in Him*

STRC Endowment Presentation – Tom Bolt, STRC Endowment chair

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #543

‘Blessed Assurance’

Crosby/Knapp

*Benediction

...Depart in peace




Oh Give Thanks


McAllister/O'Neal



Oh, give ___ thanks un - to the - Lord ___ for God is ___ good - yes



4
God is - good. ___ Oh, give - thanks - un - to the ___ Lord, ___ for




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1. 2.
God is - good, ___ yes, God is - good. God is - good. For God is



10
wor - thy, ___ wor - thy, ___ for God is - good, ___ yes



13
God is - good. For God is wor - thy, ___ wor - thy, ___ for



16
God is - good, ___ yes, God is - good. ___

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 11:30 - noon	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship Activity Time Children's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Tues., June 12	11:30 - 1 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Thurs. June 14	6:00-7:30 p.m. 6:15 - 8 p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal (Music Room) Women's Bible Study (Hodges' home)
Sat., June 16	11:00 - 1:00 p.m. 11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Dance Ministry Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., June 17	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship

Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
- Psalm 20
- Ezekiel 17:22-24
- Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
- Mark 4:26-34

Music & Arts Updates

Calling All Dancers!

The Dance Ministry will meet after worship this morning to work with Nancy Dobbs Owen. Don't miss this opportunity to work with the best!

Children's Choir sings next Sunday!

The Children's Choir will sing in worship next Sunday as we celebrate Father's Day. Parents, please have your child/children plan to attend rehearsal this morning immediately after worship to prepare.

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, the Adult Choir, Lori Abbots, Andrea Lee, and Noel Regalado
Greeters:	Elena Shaubah and Jan Swenson
Head Ushers:	Dr. Adam Flowers and John Woods
Audio:	Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

This morning we welcome a special guest artist: L.A.-based dancer/choreographer Nancy Dobbs Owen. Nancy will be here through next Sunday --we are grateful to her for sharing her gifts with us this morning!

Thank you to Tom Bolt and the STRC Endowment Board (Joyce Bailey, Leroy Dennis, Don Hancock, Mary Howe, Sue Robinson & Penny Woods) for their work in overseeing the endowment. Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what your Planned Gift to our **St. Thomas Reformed Church Endowment** can do. What you give today will strengthen our Church family by providing perpetual financial support. Contact Pastor Neevel to learn more.

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

Congratulations to XYGers who are graduating from High School. May the Lord bless them and all our other graduates!

Jordan Bunn
Julia Cassinelli
Shaw Clements
Harry DeHaas
Grant Farrell
Nalani Figueroa

Isabella Hawkes
Maggie James
Karson Kendall
Keegan Mays
Seidon Nemeth
Cameron Newton

Anthony Smith
Solana Suazo
Talissee Thompson
Alex Whitter
Silas Wisehart
Melia Scott

Salvation Army helpers this week:

Tom Baily, Joe Tulis and Mac Davis

A Women's Bible Study continues with fourth 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 the Bakery Square annex is open to children three and under.

Both bathrooms are available in the Undercroft as well as the two inside

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- The **General Synod of the Reformed Church** is meeting all this week in Grand Rapids, MI. Please keep the delegates in prayer as they discern the Spirit's work and direction of our denomination.
- Graduates!
- SERVE youth mission week June 21-29
- For Health, healing and well-being
 - Thames Shaw and her family in the death of her mother
 - Friends and family of Jan Buelow who died.
 - 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!

Nancy Dobbs Owen has performed throughout the United States with both ballet and modern companies, and was a ballerina/Meg cover in the National Tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*. Regional theater includes productions at the American Musical Theatre of San Jose, the Magic Theater, 42nd St. Moon, and the Berkeley Opera. Los Angeles theatre includes Santa Monica Playhouse, Theatre of Note, the Hudson Theater, and the role of *Lucy* in the Production Company's critically acclaimed *Sweeney Todd*. Nancy has appeared in numerous other plays, musicals, independent films, national commercials, and music videos; recent appearances include the ballet corps in *Nixon in China* with the LA Philharmonic.

Choreography includes *Skeleton Stories* (Best Choreography nomination: BroadwayWorld.com) at Theatre of Note; *Sweeney Todd* (Seven Ovation nominations) and *Working* (Outstanding Choreography, Small Theater) at the Production Company; and Pacific Opera Project's recent critical and commercial hit production of *The Mikado*. She is a resident choreographer for LA's Chaminade Players where shows include *Pippin*, *Once on this Island*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Twelfth Night* and *Macbeth*. Nancy made her LA directorial debut in August 2012 directing and choreographing Sky Pilot Theatre's smash hit *War Bride*, which received rave reviews, an extension and 7 Stage Scene LA awards, including Outstanding Direction of a Play.

She is on the faculty at AMDA-LA where she both teaches and choreographs; she is also on faculty at The Performing Arts Center & the Degas Dance Center, and guest teaches throughout LA. We are thankful to Nancy for sharing her gifts with us today and throughout the coming week!

RC² News and Updates

RETREAT -This week we said good-bye to 12 members of the Marble Collegiate Church. This was the second group of volunteers from Marble Collegiate Church that visited our shores to assist in the continued recovery work. Please keep them and their Pastor Dr. Michael Bos in your prayers.

SERVE - We are almost there...10 days before the SERVE group arrives. Still in need of a few more prayer partners. Have a few hours to spare? We can use a few 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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