

St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

August 11, 2019

*All are welcome
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Prelude Music **“Sonata for Violin & Piano (KV 304) -Allegro”** *Mozart*
Julian Barnard, violin
(Please take time to prepare for worship and silence electronic devices)

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

We celebrate the God of infinite power and love, who has called us into community.

We gather with God’s people of every age and place who have, by faith, found their true citizenship in heaven.

We journey together with hope, knowing that God who has fulfilled every promise in the coming of Jesus Christ will fulfill the promises of kingdom life for us and for all God’s children.

Thanks be to God for the faith that makes our life in Christ complete and promises life everlasting to all who believe.

Prayer

***Hymn** **‘We Are Called to Be God’s People’** *Austrian Hymn*
See page 5.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, we are not ready. We squander what you give to us, are caught up in distracting idols, and are convinced that you didn’t really mean it when you told us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed. We are not clean. We can not wash our evil away without you. Forgive us, we pray, and help us return to you. Please. Amen.

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babel; This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

Words of Assurance and Hope

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Go forth and sin no more.

Alleluia. Amen.

Children’s Message

Courtney Kingshott

***Hymn**

‘My Faith Has Found a Resting Place’

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See page 6.

“ ...To Hear God’s Word...”

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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Message

“A Leap of Faith”

Brian Kingshott

“...And Respond with Gratitude!”

Offering

Offertory

“Sonata for Violin & Piano (KV301) - Allegro

Mozart

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn # 618**

‘How Firm a Foundation’

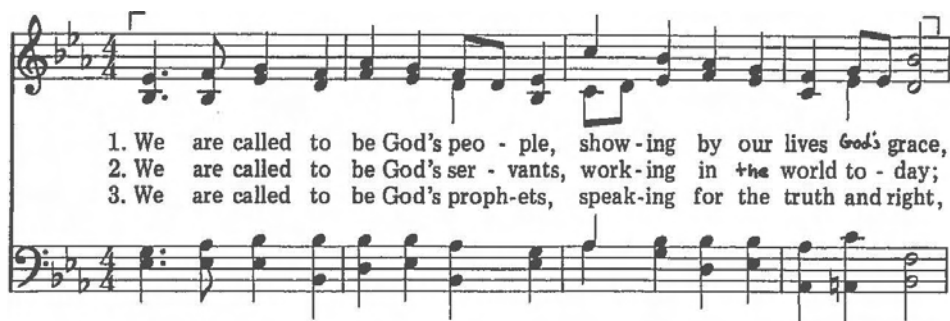
FOUNDATION

***Benediction**

... Depart in peace



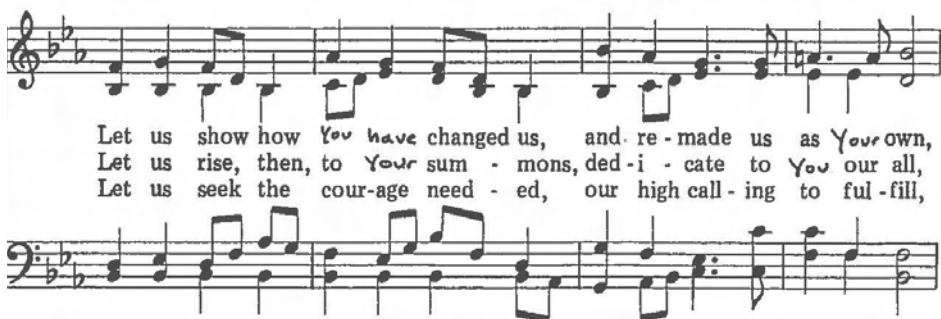
We Are Called to Be God's People



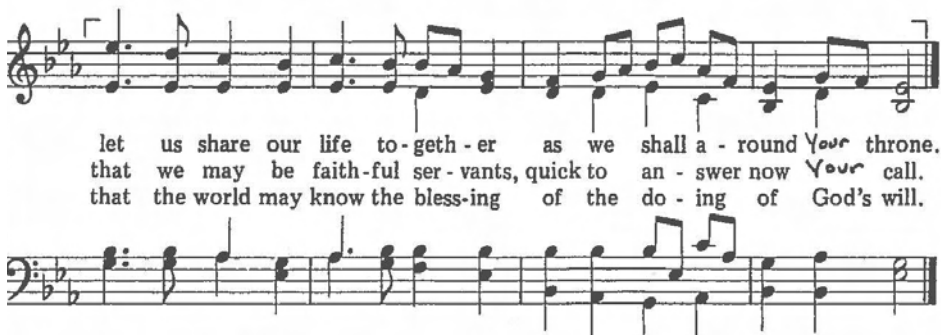
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives God's grace,
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in the world to - day;
3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing your own task up - on us, all Your sa - cred words o - bey.
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how You have changed us, and re - made us as Your own,
Let us rise, then, to Your sum - mons, ded - i - cate to You our all,
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



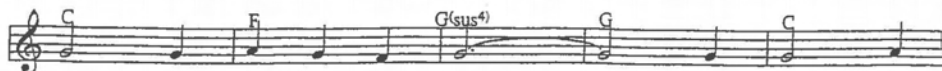
let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round Your throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now Your call.
that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place.

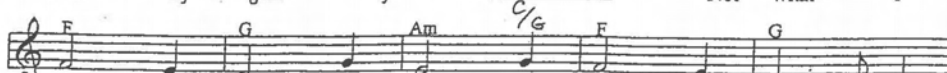
Romans 5:8



My faith has found a rest - ing place, from
E - nough for me that Je - sus saves; this
My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the
Not what my fee - ble hands have done can



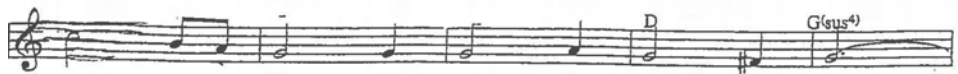
guilt my soul is freed. I trust the
ends my fears and doubt. A sin - ful
writ - ten Word of God. Sal - va - tion
save my guilt ty soul. Not what I



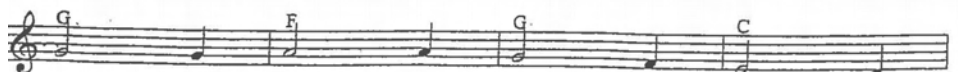
ev - er liv - ing One; his wounds for me shall
soul I come to him, he'll ne - ver cast me
by my Sa - vior's name; sal - va - tion through his
feel or do or say could ev - ver make me



plead. I need no oth - er
out.
love
whole.



ar - gu - ment. I need no oth - er plea.



It is e - nough that Je - sus



died, and that he died for me.

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ministers: | All the people of the church |
| Preaching: | Brian Kingshott |
| Liturgist: | Malcolm Schweizer - Elder VP |
| Music: | Chanelle Schaffer, Julian Barnard |
| Greeter: | Daniel Yanone |
| Head Ushers: | Joel Comissioning, Dr. Adam Flowers |
| Audio/Video: | James Cobb |

WELCOME... Today we welcome Brian & Courtney Kingshott and their family [Eleanor (13) Audrey (11) and Addelyn (8)]. Brian is the Director of Youth, Leadership, and Vision at Calvin CRC in Muskegon MI and has been on staff there thirteen years. He is also currently a student at Western Theological Seminary. Courtney is the Children's Ministry Director at Calvin CRC. They are here for the month of August and will be staying at RC2!

Pastor Jeff is on vacation this week with his family. Pastoral emergencies or concerns may be directed to Dawn Comissioning in the office (776-8255) or any of the elders (Beth Benta, Kim Bourne-Vanneck, Rebecca Broom, Chantal Figueroa or Malcolm Schweizer.)

Today is Birthday Sunday. Please join us in the pavilion after church for refreshments in honor of everyone who is celebrating a birthday in August.

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

Nursery is available in Bakery Square with a live feed from the sanctuary. Adult supervision is now being provided.

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

- ✠ Isaiah 5:1-7
- ✠ Psalm 49: 1 - 12
- ✠ Jeremiah 23:23-29
- ✠ Psalm 82
- ✠ Hebrews 11:29–12:2
- ✠ Luke 12:49-56

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

For healing: Brandon King, Kathy Gibson, Alice Hilaire, Dr. Mark Livingston, Marilyn Salmon, Edye Ciaciaa's brother Ron, Georgeann McNichols' sister Donna, Billie Hodges' niece Ginger.

♦ STRC Prison Ministry :

- Alrick Schneider – for direction and guidance

****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***

STRC Staff

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