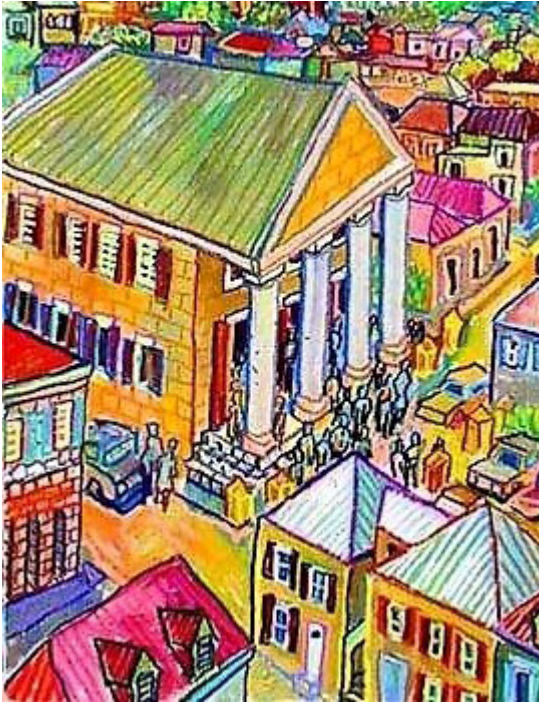


# *St. Thomas Reformed Church*



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

Oct 14, 2018

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

# Twenty-First 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

“We Are an Offering”

*Liles*

### Call to Worship

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

**Amen!**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,

**Hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.**

Fil us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory

**And worship you in spirit and in truth**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

### Prayer

### Hymn # 683

‘O for a World’

*AZMON*

### Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

### Response

‘I Offer My Life’  
See page 4.

*Cloninger/Moen*

## Words of Assurance and Hope

Anthem

“Solfeggietto”  
Stanley Trotman, pianist

C.P.E. Bach

Children’s Message

\*Hymn # 133

‘like a child’  
(Children under the age of 10 are excused to Activity time.)

DAMON

## ...To Hear God’s Word...

\*Scripture

Mark 10:17-27

P 921

Message

‘Share’

Rev. Rebecca McDonnell

## ...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”  
Dr. LeRoy Trotman, trombonist

Derricks, arr Mayfield

\*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn # 606

‘God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending’

NETTLETON

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

...Depart in peace



# I Offer My Life



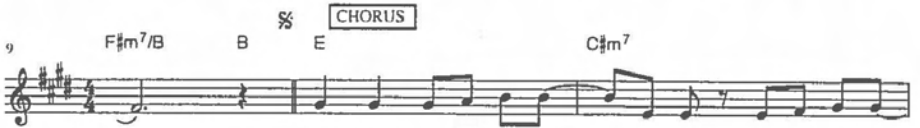
1. All that I am, — all that I have, —  
 2. Things in the past, — things yet un - seen. —



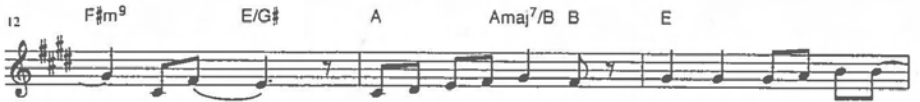
I lay them down — be - fore You, — O Lord, — All my re - grets, —  
 wish - es and dreams — that are yet — to come true: — All of my hopes, —



all my ac - claim, — the joy and the pain, — I'm mak - ing them Yours, —  
 all of my plans, — my heart and my hands — are lift - ed to You. —



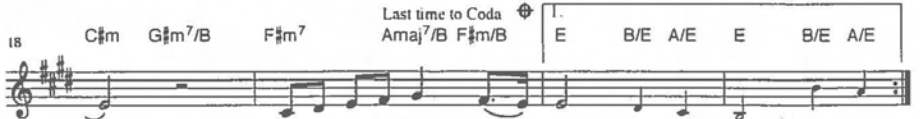
Lord, I of - fer my life — to You, ev - 'ry - thing I've —



— been through, — use it for Your glo - ry, Lord, I of - fer my days, —



— to You, lift - ing my praise — to You — as a pleas - ing sac - ri - fice, —



— Lord, I of - fer You my — life.

## GIVING THANKS:

### Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Rev. Rebecca McDonnell
Liturgist:	Kim Bourne Vanneck
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Dr. LeRoy Trotman, Stanley Trotman and the Adult Choir
Greeters:	Sherri and Kai Merritt
Ushers:	Joel Comissiong and David Haddow
Audio:	Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

**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.

**We are thankful to** have Rev. Rebecca McDonnell sharing the message and leading the worship today.

**Today is Birthday Sunday.** Please join us in the pavilion after the service to celebrate all those born in October.

**The Women's Bible Study** group meets on Mondays for the next five weeks. The ladies meet at Billie Hodges' home on Skyline Drive from 6:15 until 7:45-8 to discuss and watch a DVD series titled "Fight Back with Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. All women are welcome. For more information please call Billie at 340-514-2623.

**We are in need** of volunteers to serve lunch on Tuesdays from 11:45 to 1. Thank you to Joe Tulis, Linda Gidley and Mac Davis who come every Tuesday faithfully. Mac will be out of town for the next two weeks and we need a sub to fill in. We also need one more full time server.

**Prison Ministry**– The BOC looking for volunteers to help supervise students 2 at a time in the BOC library. The program takes place Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Please speak to Gabriel Villegas to obtain more information and let him know of your interest.

**The nursery** located in the Bakery Square annex is open to children 3 years and under.

## Retreat Center Update

**Yesterday we said** good-bye to the second group of volunteers from the Colts Neck Reformed Church. They worked hand in hand with My Brother's Workshop on multiple projects around St. Thomas, building and painting picnic tables and garden boxes that were destroyed during IRMARIA at the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, helping clear the home of an elder, and to paint the home of another. They were truly grateful for the opportunity to serve, and for the experience of working with the young men and women of MBW.

**And on Saturday (yesterday)** we welcomed the Witt Family (3) from Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in California. They will be volunteering in our community until the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. They would love to interact with families in our congregation. Please welcome them and join them for dinner at the Retreat Center or invite them to enjoy dinner with your family.

## Music and Arts Update

**On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 5 pm at the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, The Virgin Islands Stewards of Music Arts and Culture will present a tribute concert honoring Dr. Alfred O. Heath for 57 years of dedicated service to the Virgin Islands. Melita Etienne, Shikima Jones, Lorna Freeman, Gylchris Sprauve, Howard Jones, and the UVI Concert Choir will be accompanied by a 35-piece chamber orchestra, combining the finest musical forces of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Tickets are \$30. We invite you to show your appreciation and support for Dr. Heath, our national treasure, by placing an ad in the commemorative booklet. For more information, please call Sara Connell at 340-514-0327 or email at [VISMAL2018@gmail.com](mailto:VISMAL2018@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 11:10-11:30 a.m. 11:30 - noon	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship Senior High Session (Conference Room) Activity Time (Undercroft Yellow Room) Birthday Sunday Celebration (Pavilion) Children's Choir Rehearsal
Mon., Oct 15	6:15 - 7:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Hodges' Home)
Tues., Oct 16	11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Thurs., Oct 18	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Sat., Oct 20	11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., Oct 21	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

### Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- ◆ Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
- ◆ Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35
- ◆ Isaiah 53:4-12
- ◆ Psalm 91:9-16
- ◆ Hebrews 5:1-10
- ◆ Mark 10:35-45

**XYG - (eXamine Your God):** If you are a high school student (*grades 9- 12*) and want to be part of a life-changing Mission Trip experience next Spring, come find out what it's all about. **Sunday, October 28 after worship!**

**Activity Time** will meet in the yellow room in the Undercroft. Volunteers are needed for each Sunday to spend some quality, faith-filled fun time with the children of our church during worship. **Thank you** to our leader today, Deborah Merrill with helpers Kya and Dakota.

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

## Long Path After School Program Updates

If you wish to support our after-school program at Long Path Community Center, follow this link to an Amazon Wishlist for STRC @ LPCC.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1QVS7ZOSNI5HF>

Feel free to share with others! Thank you for your contributions to our after school program!

For more information about the program or to volunteer:

contact Lucy Sutton & Noel Regalado at email: [strcatlpcc@gmail.com](mailto:strcatlpcc@gmail.com)

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