



Mission Trip Sunday!

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

May 5, 2024

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

...**"WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE...**

Gathering Music

Guitarists- James Anderson and James Cobb

Greeting | Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship (from Psalm 116)

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

AMEN!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the people thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for God's wonderful works to humankind.

For God satisfies the thirsty,

And God fills the hungry with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer

*Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Kocher

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies

For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower; sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love; Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning;
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong; the selfishness that
can see nothing but its own will; the righteousness that knows no
fault; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that
does not regret its own sins; the evasion that always tries to make
excuses; the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.
God, forgive us our sins, we pray...

Response **"Grace Flows Down"** Giglio/ Padgett/ Bell

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet, that were nailed to the tree
Grace flows down and covers me
It covers me...(repeat)

Words of Assurance and How We Are Called to Live

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Children's Message

***Hymn**

"Thank You, Lord"

Moen

(Teachers and students are dismissed to faith formation classes)

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say

Thank You Lord, thank You Lord

For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise

With an outstretched arm I'll bless Your Name and

Thank You Lord, I just want to thank You Lord

Thank You Lord, I just want to thank You Lord

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light

Thank You Lord, thank You Lord

You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain

Thank You Lord, thank You Lord

Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon:

"Everything"

Pastor Jeffrey Neevel

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE...

We give our gifts, tithes and offerings as an expression of gratitude for all of God's blessings. Giving "mites" are available at the church entrance for anyone who gives online and desires to join in the act of giving here today. Online giving is available at www.strchurch.org/give

Offertory

"I Will Offer Up My Life"

Redman

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
O my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath for You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

*What can I give, what can I bring
What can I sing as an offering, Lord*

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sanctus (*spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Institution

Communion

(All who desire to receive the Lord's Supper are invited forward. Beginning with the back pews, come forward using the side aisles, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat using the center aisle. Single serve cups are also available.)

Communion Music "All Who Are Thirsty"

Kutless

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the wave of God's mercy, as deep cries out to deep, we sing...
Come Lord Jesus, come...

"One Bread, One Body"

Foley

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in
this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more...

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all...

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all...

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Organ, Courtney Reese

(The congregation is invited to stand, join hands and sing)

*Benediction

Announcements:

XYG -WELCOME HOME MISSION TEAM 2024!!

Team: Luke Berry, James Boschulte III, Jeffrey Boschulte Jr.,
Shadeen Honore, Jean-Renee Oriol, Trey Thompson & Ellis Wisehart.

Leaders: Junnel Berry, Bob & Camille Stolz

Mother & Child Musical Ministry!

Next Sunday (May 12th) is Mother's Day, and we have something special planned--the moms will be joining the Children's Choir in song--Mothers, please plan to attend this morning's rehearsal (led by Camille McKayle-Stolz) following the worship service with your child/children to prepare!

The Adult Choir resumes rehearsals next Thursday, May 9th.

Rehearsals are from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – join us as we prepare for Mother's Day, Pentecost, and other upcoming services-. All are welcome—the only requirement for membership is the ability to match pitch and follow direction! For more info, contact Chanelle:

music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

PRAYER WALK WEDNESDAYS – Join together for mid-week prayer every Wednesday at Magens Bay, near Shed 3, beginning at 7am. After a time of prayer, all are encouraged to walk/run and continue to pray for the needs of our church, community and world.

Volunteers needed to greet on Sunday mornings!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our last request. You are appreciated! We need to fill the calendar again, no experience necessary. Provide an important service for your church congregation and meet new friends. Please prayerfully consider signing up to be a greeter this spring and summer. Requirements: arrive a half hour before the service begins, hand out bulletins, greet worshipers as they arrive, and help collect the offering if you are comfortable doing so.

You can sign up on the church services app or on the signup sheet on the back table. If you prefer, call or text Kim Dennis at 952-212-1783 with your availability.

Mark Your Calendars to honor and celebrate our teachers on the last day of Sunday School - May 19.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Liturgy:	"The 2024 XYG Youth Mission Team"
Music:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Courtney Reese and Abu Springette
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Chase Rosenthal and Dave Whitter

NEXT STEPS

1. **START HERE** - Fill out our online connect card at www.strchurch.org/im-new
2. **SIGN UP TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP** www.strchurch.org/next-steps

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