



historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

October 20, 2024

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE...

Gathering Music Greeting | Ministry Opportunities

Prelude **"Libérez-Vous/Free Yourself"** Watson
James Anderson

Call to Worship

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

AMEN!

Welcome, all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

Jesus said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

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Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God's abundant love and grace among us.

We come to worship Jesus, who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love, and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ.

Prayer

***Hymn 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'**
God, whose giving knows no ending NETTLETON

From your rich and endless store
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom
Costly cross, grave's shattered door
Gifted by You, we turn to You
Off'ring up ourselves in praise

Thankful songs shall rise forever
Gracious donor of our days

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son
All at peace in health and freedom
Spirits joined, the Church made one
Now direct our daily labor
Lest we strive for self alone
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne

Treasure, too, You have entrusted
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred
Ours to use for loving service
And to spread the gospel word
Open wide our hands in sharing
As we heed Christ's ageless call
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming
Serving You by loving all

Call to Confession | Unison Prayer of Confession

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.

Response

'I Give Myself Away'

McDowell

Chorus: I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me

Here I am, here I stand
Lord, my life is in Your hands
Lord, I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me (*chorus*)

Take my heart, take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams, all my plans
Lord, I place them in Your hands (*chorus*)

My life is not my own
To You I belong
I give myself
I give myself to You

Assurance and How We Are Called to Live

Solo

"How Much Am I Worth"

Gibson

Annabel Boschulte

How much am I worth, what value's in me
Do I count if I stand or I fall
If I'm weak or I'm strong, if I win or I lose
Am I someone, or no one at all

I am worth everything in the eyes of God
You are worth everything
We are worth everything in the eyes of God

I am that bird that dropped to the ground
The tiniest bird of them all
And nobody knew, and nobody cared
But the Savior, who cares for us all

I am that child who felt lost and afraid
When she saw just how far she had roamed
But they scoured the hills 'til they found her again
And rejoicing, they brought her safe home

How much am I worth, do I matter at all
When I'm thinking it through, may I see
That I'm worth all the love of the Son of God
Who laid down His life just for me

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

Children's Message

*Hymn

'Simple Gifts'

Shaker Hymn

(Students and teachers are dismissed to Christian Education classes)

'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
'Tis the gift to be joy-ful, 'tis the gift just to sing, 'Tis a
'Tis the gift of the hum-ble, of the wise and the kind, 'Tis the
gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the
gift to make your song an off-er-ing, And when the bright-est day turns to
gift of those who fol-low the Di-vine, To bless and to be blest by a
place just right, 'Twill be in the val-ley of love and de-light.
dark-est night, The gift to be sim-ple will lead us to light..
sim-ple faith, To live in the peace of a-ma-zing-grace.
When true sim-plic-i-ty is gain'd, to bow and to bend we will
not be a-sham'd, to turn, turn will be our de-light, 'Till by
turn-ing, turn-ing we come 'round right.

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: "Just Give Up!" Pastor Jeff 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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 'Whatever You Do' ST. DENIO

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?"
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements:

This Wednesday another COMMUNITY DINNER will be served @ 5:30pm in the Pavilion. Thank you Tom Kennington for cooking up some great meals! After dinner (~6:15pm) children are invited to the Undercroft for Activity time with Deb Merrill. Everyone else is invited to the Sanctuary for our **"Meet the Artist"** series featuring artist and 81C Curator, **Joseph Hewes**.

The annual CSVI Cancer Walk in Faith is THIS Saturday, October 26 @ 6:30am. Gather at the Kimmelman Cancer Center for a circle prayer and to join the walk! Go to www.cancersupportvi.com to find out how to support CSVI!

Beginning Sunday November 3 you are invited on a 12-week sermon series and small group opportunity journey: "Experiencing God – Knowing and Doing the Will of God" based on the book of the same name (authors Blackaby & King). Sermons and services will follow the chapters. If you would like to be part of a small group to dive deeper into the book, please SIGN UP TODAY to secure your copy!

XYG Vision Trip 2025 to Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. Students (grades 9-12) who are interested in participating in this life-changing adventure are encouraged to get involved. Sign up online or speak with Pastor Jeff or Nalani Figueroa today! Deadline for applying: November 10

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Annabel Boschulte, the Adult Choir
Guitar:	James Anderson
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Chase Rosenthal Trey Thompson & Dave Whitter

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