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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

May 17, 2026

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-14;
John 17:1-11

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

Gathering Music

(Please take time to prepare for worship and silence electronic devices)

Greeting | Ministry Opportunities

Prelude **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** Mason/Palmer
 Ellis Wisehart & Chanelle Schaffer

Call to Worship *Romans 12:1-2*

***Hymn** **'Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting'** HOLY MANNA

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of all You are
I am finding out the greatness
Of Your ever-loving heart
You have bid me gaze upon You
And Your beauty fills my soul
For, by Your transforming power
You have mended, made me whole

Simply trusting You, Lord Jesus
I behold You as You are
And Your love, so pure, so changeless
Fully satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasses me 'round with blessings
Yours is perfect love indeed

As I lift my face to heaven
Let my mind be stayed on You
Let my words and thoughts and actions
Show that I've been made anew
Brightness of my Maker's glory
Sunshine of my Savior's face
Keep me ever trusting, resting
Fill me wholly with Your grace

Call to Confession (Romans 8:5-6)

Prayer of Confession

Response **'Christ Above Me'**

Chisum/Searcy

Christ above me, Christ beside me
Christ within me, ever guiding
Christ behind me, Christ before
Christ, my love, my life, my Lord

Words of Assurance and Hope (I Corinthians 10:13)

Choral Response **"Higher Ground"**

arr.McCartha

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining every day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground
My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Though some may dwell where these abound
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground
Lord, lift me up, and help me stand
By faith, on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground

AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE..."

Pastor Randy Weener

Offering

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Rouse

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Born of Thy love, Thy child may I be
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art
High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's son
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song 'Like a River Glorious'

WYE VALLEY

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace
Over all victorious in its bright increase
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as God promised, perfect peace and rest

Hidden in the hollow of God's blessed hand
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there (*refrain*)

Every joy or trial falleth from above
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love
We may trust God fully all for us to do
Those who trust God wholly find God wholly true (*refrain*)

*Benediction (*Romans 15:13*)

Announcements

Pastor Randy Weener (April - May) - The Rev. Dr. Randy Weener and his wife, Sally, are living in St. Thomas for April and May. Pastor Randy is a retired RCA minister and works 25 hrs/week to provide leadership in worship, preaching, and be a pastoral presence in the office.

Today is Birthday Sunday! Please join us in the pavilion after service for fellowship. Happy Birthday and may the good Lord bless:

Cayenne Boschulte, Janine Cleveland, Lisa Fuentes, Debra Graulich, Abby Horvath, Lisa Knight, Maxwell Nichols, Ron Nimmo, Sienna Peterkin, Melissa Pope, Tiffany Richards, Isabella Romano, Nelson Rosario, Sabina Rosario, Judy Sables, Sandy Smith, Amy Stewart-Himes, Bill Thompson, J. Michael Weinzettle & Madison Wyatt. **If your name is not on the list please email Vicki at officeadmin@stthomasreformedchurch.org.**

Step Street Clean Up WEEKEND Friday May 29th & Saturday May 30th from 8 am til For more information on where to meet please email Anna Monica Villa at annamonic@icloud.com

The Children's Choir will rehearse this morning after worship. All children ages 4 to 12 are welcome and encouraged to attend; join us as we prepare for Father's Day and other upcoming services!

Next Sunday is Pentecost! - Join us for a special service next Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost--the birth of the church!--featuring guest musicians, soloists, and STRC's Dance Ministry.

XYG Youth Group - XYG will meet on Tuesday, May 19, from 6:00–7:30 PM. Students can expect food, games, discussion, and a meaningful time of connection and discipleship. All middle and high school students are welcome—bring a friend.

XYG Meal Support Needed - Each week, our XYG youth gather for connection, discipleship—and a shared meal. We're looking for individuals or families willing to provide a meal or make a donation to support this ministry. To sign up or give, please contact Shereé Haubrich. Your support helps make space for our youth to belong and grow.

SUMMER CAMP SWIM STAFF NEEDED - STRC is currently seeking certified Swim Staff for our 2026 Summer Camp at Magens Bay during the month of July. This is a paid position for individuals who are responsible, dependable, and enjoy working with children in a fun and safe beach environment. Interested applicants must hold current lifeguard certification. For more information or to apply, see information in Church Center or please contact Shereé Haubrich at sheree.haubrich@strchurch.org

Men's Ministry Breakfast- Men of all ages are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship, encouragement, and conversation grounded in God's Word, on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 8:00 AM in the STRC Pavilion. Come connect, grow, and start your Saturday morning in community with other men of faith. Invite a friend and come hungry! Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or on Church Center.

Women's Ministry - Thank you to all of the women who joined us for our Women's High Tea! We are grateful for such a beautiful afternoon of connection, encouragement, and growing deeper in Christ together. As we continue building Women's Ministry at STRC, we are forming a team to help shape future gatherings and opportunities for fellowship. Our next event is June 13, 2026 — and we would love your help! Please see Shereé Haubrich if you are interested.

Graduation - If you have or know of a High School student associated with STRC and is graduating this spring please contact the church office at (340) 776-8255 or officeadmin@stthomasreformedchurch.org

 **Summer of Secret Sisters** 

Women of STRC are invited to participate in our Summer of Secret Sisters — a season of encouragement, prayer, and growing deeper in Christ together. Participants will anonymously encourage another woman throughout the summer through cards, prayer, notes, and small thoughtful gestures. Gifts do not need to be expensive; the goal is **connection, sisterhood, and reminding one another that we do not carry life alone.** Sign up forms are available after worship or see Shereé Haubrich for more information.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us worshiping together
Preaching: Pastor Randy Weener
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Ellis Wisehart & the Adult Choir
AV/Livestream: James Cobb, Ariel Rosenthal,
Lyra Rosenthal, Trey Thompson and Dave Whitter
Greeters: Gordon Chisholm and Amy Wagner

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