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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

October 27, 2024

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9;
Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

...“WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE...”

Gathering Music

Greeting | Ministry Opportunities

Introit

“Dwell in Unity”

Davis

Behold how good and pleasant it is
For all of us to dwell in unity
Good, so good
For fellowship, it’s good
For all of us to dwell in unity

Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)

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

AMEN!

O sing to the Lord a new song,

For God has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

God is coming to judge the earth;

God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Come, worship our God, who is just and true,

May we judge our own hearts, and live into God’s ways of justice and mercy.

Prayer

***Hymn 'Our God, We Are a Church Reformed'** St. Anne

Our God, we are a church reformed
A church reforming still
We long to grow in your true Word
And follow more your will

How awesome is your sovereign rule
You reign from heav'n above
Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ
In sacrificial love

In love, you bring your people here
And call your church to you
That we may know salvation's joy
And serve in all we do

You call us to community
By faith our hearts are stirred
In church, we seek an ordered life
According to your Word

As faithful stewards we find joy
We need no rich display
Lord, teach us all to use with care
The gifts you give each day

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Confession

Gracious God, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. When we fail to see the power of your faithfulness forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us, Son of David. Forgive the sins we know in our heart. And save us, Lord, from the sins we hide. In Jesus' name...

Response 'O God, How We Have Wandered'

PASSION CHORALE

O God, how we have wandered
And hidden from Your face
In foolishness have squandered
Your legacy of grace
But how, in exile dwelling
We turn with fear and shame
As distant but compelling
You call us each by name

O God of all the living
Both banished and restored
Compassionate, forgiving
Our peace and hope assured
Grant now that our transgressing
Our faithlessness may cease
Stretch out Your hand in blessing
In pardon, and in peace

Words of Assurance and How We Are Called to Live

Be still and know the good news: God has not forsaken nor forgotten us, but redeems us.

Why should we be afraid? God is in our midst - forgiving, restoring, sending. Thanks be to God!

Choral Response "Amen, Siyakudumisa"

South Africa

Masithi: Amen, siyakudumisa
Amen, bawo; Amen, bawo

Amen, siyakudumisa
Amen, we praise Your name, O God

Children's Message

*Hymn 'He Healed the Darkness of My Mind'

WOODWORTH

(Students and teachers are dismissed to Christian Education classes)

He healed the darkness of my mind

The day he gave my sight to me

It was not sin that made me blind

It was no sinner made me see

Let others call my faith a lie

Or try to stir up doubt in me

Look at me now! None can deny

I once was blind, and now I see

Ask me not how! But I know who

Has opened up new worlds to me

This Jesus does what none can do

I once was blind, and now I see

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: "You Too!" Pastor Jeff Neevel

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE...

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 "Umoja Tunaimba/United We Sing" Johnson**

Umoja tunaimba, united we sing
Umoja tunaimba, we stand as one in unity
We lift our voices and we join our hearts
Singing songs of justice and peace
We stand together as the children of God
Bringing hope to humanity
We will sing for peace
We will sing for joy
We will sing for love, we will sing

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 'O Church of God, United'**

ELLACOMBE

O church of God, united
To serve one common Lord
Proclaim to all one message
With hearts in glad accord
Christ ever goes before us
We follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
Along the upward way

Though creeds and tongues may differ
They speak, O Christ, of thee
And in thy loving spirit
We shall one people be
Lord, may our faithful service
And singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
Of thy redeeming name

May thy great prayer be answered
That we may all be one
Close bound, by love united
In thee, God's blessed Son
To bring a single witness
To make the pathway bright
That souls which grope in darkness
May find the one true light

***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 storyteller **Katie Landry**.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the **CSVI Cancer Walk in Faith** yesterday! Go to www.cancersupportvi.com to find out how to support CSVI!

Beginning next 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.

REMINDER- We have a new mailing address!

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GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

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

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