

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



January 16, 2022

We Welcome One and All
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Service 10:00 am

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

The liturgical color today is green representing the mission of the church!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Gathering Music

Greeting and Ministry Opportunities

Introit

“Oh, the Glory of Your Presence”

Fry

Oh, the glory of Your presence
We, Your people, give You reverence
So, arise to Your rest
And be blessed by our praise
As we glory in Your embrace
As Your presence now fills this place

Call to Worship

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

AMEN!

God hears the cries of the oppressed;

Speak to us, O God, so we may listen.

God notices the plight of the hungry and homeless;

Call to us, O God, to take notice.

God knows the struggles of the imprisoned;

Open our hearts, O God, to Your mercy and justice.

God speaks to us, calling us by name,

And we are listening, O God; ready to do Your will.

Prayer

*Hymn

‘Lead On, Eternal Sovereign’

LANCASHIRE

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that often, our privilege allows us to not recognize the plight of those around us. We confess that the assumptions we have from our experiences shade how we view the struggles of others. We judge based on what we know, instead of learning from others views and understandings. Forgive us when we unintentionally cause harm by our assumptions and fail to recognize the ways others are oppressed by our actions, words, and most importantly, by our silent indifference. Call us into repentance and accountability. In Jesus' name, who lived and died for us, and lives again, breaking the chains of sin and death, we pray...

Response

'Lord, May Our Thoughts Begin With You'

ST. AGNES

E A6 C#G#F#m B E B7/F#E B/D# E F#7/C#

Lord, may our thoughts be - gin with You. You are the joy we

7 Bsus B F#m C#G#F#m/A F#A# B F#B B B/A E/G#A A/C# E/B B

seek. _____ You are the love we long to live; You, an y truth we

15 Esus E E A6 C#G#F#m B E B/F#E B/D# E F#C#

speak. _____ May all we think and do be love. Love be our one de

23 Bsus B F#m C#G#F#m/A F#A# B F#B B B/A E/G# A A/C# E/B B

sire. _____ Love be the glow of all we are, bright with Your ho ly

31 Esus E

fire.

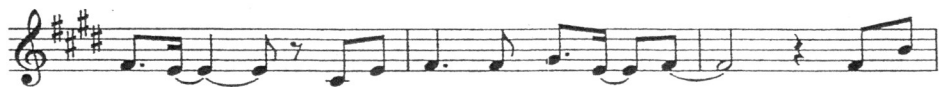
Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

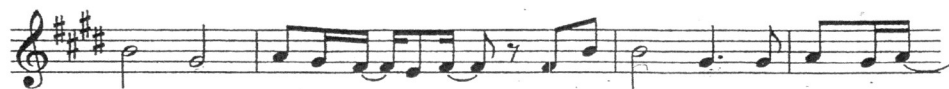
1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a__ while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a__ time_ when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the_ day_ when

ask where we be - gin _____ to build a world where
 we will share a__ feast, _____ where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are_ one, _____ a ci - ty built of

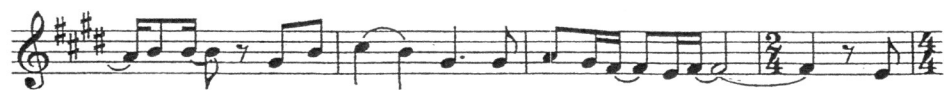
love can grow and hope can en-ter_ in, _____ to be the hands of
 kneel to_ serve the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, _ where our mour - ing turns to



heal - ing _____ and to plant the seeds of _____ peace, Sing - ing
 ta - ble _____ as we join our hands to _____ pray, Sing - ing
 danc - ing, _____ ev - ery crea - ture lifts its _____ voice! Cry - ing



wel - come, welcome to _____ this place. You're in - vit - ed to come and know



God's grace. All are wel - come the love of God to share _____ 'cause



all of us _____ are wel - come here; _____ all are welcome in _____ this place.

... To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Message

“Performing Miracles”

Pastor Jeff Neevel

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

Please place your offering in the box on the table at the entrance. You may also give online at www.strciving.org

Offertory

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

Stevens/Maher

Grace King

One star burns in the darkness
 Shines with the promise, Emmanuel
 One child, born in the stillness
 Living within us, Emmanuel

Chorus

We're singing: Glory! Glory!
 Let there be peace, let there be peace
 Singing, Glory! Glory!
 Let there be peace; let it start in me

One voice speaks for the voiceless
 Hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel
 One love brings us together
 Now and forever, Emmanuel (chorus)

Do not be afraid
 His love is strong enough to save us
 Nothing stands in the way
 His love is strong enough to lead us (chorus)

***Doxology**

A Prophet's Blessing - by Jan Richardson

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory'

Howe

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was

com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the
 hun - dred cir - cling camps; They have build - ed Him an
 nev - er call re - treat; He is sift - ing out all
 born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His

vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
 al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps; I can
 hu - man hearts be - fore His judg - ment seat; O be
 bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He

loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift
 read the right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing
 swift, my soul, to an - swer Him; be ju - bi - lant, my
 died to make us ho - ly, let us die that all be

sword; His truth is march - ing on.
 lamps; His day is march - ing on.
 feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 free! While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry!

Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry!

Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910
 Tune: BATTLE HYMN, 15 15 15 6, with refrain; William Steffe, d.1911

***Benediction**

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Liturgist:	Pastor Ben Rowe
Greeter:	Kiki Burnley
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Grace King, Emily Rowe
AV Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb,

If you are new to STRC, **WELCOME!** Please take a moment to fill out our digital connect card at <https://strchurch.org/im-new>

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Sir Clive E. C. Banfield is planned for **this Saturday, January 22 at 11 am**. The service will also be available via live-stream.

Ty Troutman has accepted the nomination to serve as Deacon on Consistory. He will fill the vacancy left by Tina Comissiong who faithfully finished her 6-year term. Thank you, Tina, for your dedication and service to our church. Please keep Ty and the Consistory in your prayers as they meet this Tuesday.

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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