

FIFTH SERVICE AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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

Gathering Music

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

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Introit

"Order My Steps"

Burleigh

Order my steps in Your Word, dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Savior, I pray
Order my steps in Your Word
Please, order my steps in Your Word
I want to walk worthy
My calling to fulfill
Please order my steps, Lord
And I'll do Your blessed will
The world is ever changing
But You are still the same
If You order my steps
I'll praise Your name

Call to Worship

We gather as one people, bound together by faith, hope, and love.

We gather to remember the struggles and triumphs of those who have gone before us.

We gather to sing praises to God for freedom, for justice, and for the hope of a better tomorrow.

We come with open hearts, to remember and celebrate,

To honor those who paved the way,

And to continue the journey with faith and courage.

Let us worship together!

Prayer

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you as a community in need of your healing mercy. We confess that we have turned a blind eye to the pain and suffering of others, and we have failed to honor the dignity and worth of every person created in your image. We acknowledge the deep wounds in our history and in our world, and we ask for your strength and guidance to work toward reconciliation and healing. Help us to stand with those who are suffering, to speak truth to power, and to live lives that reflect your love and justice. We trust in your forgiveness and grace, and we pray that through your Spirit, we might be transformed into instruments of your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Response #501 'Balm in Gilead'

Spiritual

Chorus:

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again (*chorus*)

Words of Assurance and Hope

Song "Wade in the Water"

Spiritual, arr. Hayes

Andrea Lee

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water
Down in the valley, down on my knees
Askin' my Lord to save me please
Up on the mountain, Jehovah spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
I heard a rumblin' up in the sky
Must-a been Jesus passin' by

Payge Turner, STRC Adult Choir & Dance Ministry

I been walkin' with my face turned to the sun
Weight on my shoulders, a bullet in my gun
Oh, I got eyes in the back of my head just in case I have to run
I do what I can when I can while I can for my people
While the clouds roll back and the stars fill the night
That's when I'm gonna stand up, take my people with me
Together we are going to a brand new home
Far across the river, can you hear freedom calling
Calling me to answer; gonna keep on keepin' on
I can feel it in my bones
Early in the mornin' before the sun begins to shine
We're gonna start movin' towards that separating line
I'm wadin' through muddy waters; you know I got a made up mind
And I don't mind if I lose any blood on the way to salvation
And I'll fight with the strength that I got until I die
And I know what's around the bend
Might be hard to face 'cause I'm alone
And I just might fail, but Lord knows I tried
Sure as stars fill up the sky
I go to prepare a place for you

~Children are dismissed to Christian Education Classes~

Hymn*'Give Me Jesus'**

Spiritual

In the morning when I rise (3x)**Give me Jesus***Chorus:***Give me Jesus, give me Jesus****You may have all this world****Give me Jesus****Oh, when I am alone (3x)****Give me Jesus** (*chorus*)**When I come to die (3x)****Give me Jesus** (*chorus*)

Message "Testimonies and Songs of Hope and Faith"

Song "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" Crosby/Doane

Dr. Ronald Nimmo

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by
Trusting only in Thy merit would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by Thy grace
Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee, whom in heaven but Thee

Reflections on Experiencing God

Georgeann McNicholas & Dave Haddow

Hymn "I Thank You, Jesus"

Morris

I thank You, Jesus; I thank You, Jesus
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord
Oh, You brought me, yes, You brought me
From a mighty, a mighty long way
A mighty long way (2x)

You've been my mother, You've been my father
You've been my sister, my brother, too
Oh, You brought me, yes You brought me
From a mighty, a mighty long way
A mighty long way (2x)

You've been my doctor, You've been my lawyer
You've been my teacher, my friend indeed
Oh, You brought me, yes You brought me
From a mighty, a mighty long way
A mighty long way (2x)

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 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

Spiritual, arr. Drennan

The Lord's my rock, in Him I hide
A shelter in the time of storm
Secure whatever troubles I find
A shelter in the time of storm
Oh, Jesus is my Rock in a weary land
A shelter in the time of storm
A shade by day, defense by night
A shelter in the time of storm
I have no fears, for He is my light
A shelter in the time of storm
Well, the raging storms may round me beat
He's my shelter
I'll never leave my safe retreat,
He's my shelter

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

-Rev. Rebecca Broom

*Hymn "Glory, Glory/ Since I Laid My Burden Down"

Spiritual, arr. Podd

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down

*I feel better, so much better...

*Feel like shouting "Hallelujah!"...

*Resting in the arms of Jesus...

*Benediction

Announcements:

Children's Choir rehearses today! The group rehearses weekly from 11:15 to 11:45 (following Sunday School) with Chanelle in the Music Room. All children ages 4-12 are encouraged to participate! Join us as we sing in the new year and prepare for upcoming services including Black History Month and VI History Month! For more info, contact Chanelle:

music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord!

The Adult Choir continues rehearsals this week, and new members are always welcome! No previous choral experience is necessary; the only requirement is the ability to match pitch and follow direction. Join a dedicated group of volunteers and raise your voice in song and praise! For more info, contact Chanelle, or just stop by the Music Room any Thursday evening from 6 to 7:30.

Later This Month:

16-Ordination and Installation of Deacon Donna Groat during worship.

23 – XYG BBQ & Bake Sale after worship! All proceeds support our XYG mission/vision trip to Jarabacoa, DR in April.

A service to celebrate the life of Roland Euwema is scheduled for Saturday, February 15 - viewing at 9:30 am and service beginning at 10am. There is also a viewing scheduled for Friday, February 14 at Turnbull Funeral Home.

A service to celebrate the life of Kelley Mala (Paula Duke's husband) is scheduled for Monday, February 17 – viewing at 9am and service beginning at 10am.

The Pastoral Search Committee needs your input! Please complete the Congregational Feedback Survey before February 16. You can access it online <https://forms.gle/1B3XuDyECnb3m3da6> or complete a paper copy, available in the back of the church. Please put your completed survey in the survey box in back of the church. Thank you!

Need Your Yearly Giving Statement?

Hey, STRC family, thank you for your generous giving this year! If you need a statement of your contributions, just let us know. Email us at officeadmin@stthomasreformedchurch.org and we will get one sent to you. Thank you for all you do and for your ongoing support for the ministries of the St. Thomas Reformed Church!

Keep your contact information up to date!

Go to strchurch.org- Next Steps.

Three Bible studies beginning during Lent! See insert for more information.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Rebecca Broom
Liturgist:	Chantal Figueroa
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Andrea Lee, Dr. Ronald Nimmo, Payge Turner & the Adult Choir
Band:	James Cobb - Harmonica, Ryan Diehl - Drums, Steve Richman - Guitar, Uriel Rogers - Bass
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Trey Thompson & Dave Whitter

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