



ONLY BELIEVE

MARK 5:21-43

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Feb 1, 2026

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

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

Gathering Music

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

Welcome | Ministry Updates

Introit

"Ubi Caritas"

Guimont/Sharpe

Call to Worship

Leader: In the pressing of the crowd, in the noise of the world's demands, we come seeking a Savior.

All: We come, reaching out for the hem of His garment.

Leader: Jesus does not look at status or social standing; he stops for the hurting, the hidden, and the marginalized.

All: He sees those whom the world overlooks and offers the Shalom that makes us whole.

Leader: Let us worship the God who heals our wounds and hears the cry of the oppressed.

***Hymn #668 'For the Healing of the Nations' v 1, 2, 4**
CWM RHONDDA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have built walls of status and pride.

All: We are quick to value the powerful and slow to stand with the vulnerable.

Leader: We grieve for a world where peace is shattered by violence, yet we often cling to our own "weapons of indifference."

All: Forgive us for when we have failed to be a people of peace in a parched and hurting world.

Leader: Let us confess our sins in silence (*silent confession*)

All: By your Holy Spirit, draw us to the hem of your grace, that we may be renewed in your peace. Amen.

Response**'Fix Me'**

Spiritual

Oh, *fix me (3xs)

Fix me, Jesus, fix me

*Change me / *Use me

Words of Assurance and Hope**Choral Response "Broken, But I'm Healed"**

McKay

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORDS...**Children's Message**

Sheree Haubrich

*(After the Children's Message, the children are invited to return to their seats and continue in worship with the whole congregation.)****Song 'Love Round/They'll Know We Are Christians'**

Traditional/Scholtes

Love, love, love, love

Chorus:

Christians this is your call

And they'll know we are Christians

Love your neighbor as yourself

By our love, by our love

For God loves us all

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

Scripture**Mark 5:21-34****Sermon****"The Healing Flow" - Rev. Bryan Berghoef****...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 strchurch.org/give or Scan this QR code.



Offertory

"Up to the Mountain"

Christy Berghoef

Griffin

*Doxology

A Celebration of Communion

- Rev. Nate DeWard

The Liturgy for Communion is found in the bulletin with multiple sung responses. All who desire to receive the Lord's Supper are invited forward. Beginning with the back pews, come forward using the side aisles, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat using the center aisle. Single serve cups with a gluten free wafer are also available up front.

Liturgy & Music From Lift Up Your Hearts

Ron Reinstra

The Lord be with you.
Now lift up your hearts.

And al - so with you.
We lift them in praise. O

let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is good and it is right, our

joy and our de-light to give God praise _____ at all

times and in all ways!

Holy and right it is,
and our joyful duty to give thanks to you
at all times and in all places,
O Lord our Creator,
almighty and everlasting God!
You created heaven with all its hosts
and the earth with all its plenty.
You have given us life and being,
and preserve us by your providence.

But you have shown us the fullness of your love
in sending into the world your Son,
Jesus Christ, the eternal Word,
made flesh for us and for our salvation.
For the precious gift of this mighty Savior
who has reconciled us to you
we praise and bless you, O God.
With your whole church on earth
and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name.

Oh, ho - ly are you, Lord the God of power and might; the Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he! Christ Je - sus, who is come, the
an - gels veil their sight! Earth is a - flame with the Lord's a - noint-ed one: He comes a - gain! Ho -
glo - ry of your name! san - na, Lord, A - men.

Most righteous God,
we remember in this Supper
the perfect sacrifice
offered once on the cross
by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection
and in expectation of his coming again,
we offer ourselves to you
as holy and living sacrifices.
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Your death, O Christ, we pro - claim. Your ris - ing cel - e - brate!
Your com - ing we a - wait, to make all things new.
All __ glo - - ry un - - to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread which we break
and the cup which we bless
may be to us the communion of the body
and blood of Christ.
Grant that, being joined together in him,
we may attain to the unity of the faith
and grow up in all things
into Christ, our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

A musical score in G major, common time. The melody is in soprano range. It consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Lord! A - men!"

Communion Music "Jesus, Bread of Life" Ortega/Assad

Poem "And the Table Will Be Wide" Jan Richardson

*The Lord's Prayer Malotte

(The congregation is invited to stand, join hands, and sing)

*Benediction

Announcements:

Children's Choir rehearses this morning after worship; all children ages 4 to 12 are encouraged to join us as we prepare for Black History Month, VI History Month, and more!

Worship Planning Team meets this Saturday!

The Worship Team will meet this coming **Saturday, February 7th, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Pavilion to begin planning for upcoming services and events including Black History Month, VI History Month, Women's History Month, Lent, and Holy Week. New members are always welcome: join us as we work to enrich worship services with artistic elements including music, dance, drama, spoken word, and the visual arts, exploring the many ways in which the creative & performing arts can be used to enhance and deepen the experience of worship. For more info, contact Chanelle at music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

Queen Louise Home - NEW LOCATION - Join us as we continue our monthly ministry with the residents of the Queen Louise Homes for the Aged; we gather with them on the first Sunday of each month to share a time of hymns, Scripture, and prayer, and to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The residents are now located in Palm Court Harbor (Solberg)--Please meet in the STRC parking lot at 12:45 to carpool, as parking is very limited.

XYG Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, February 4, from 6:00–7:30 PM.

XYG Mission Trip Fundraiser - Join us after service on Sunday, February 15 during fellowship for the first XYG Mission Trip Fundraiser of 2026. XYG will be hosting a BBQ & Bake Sale, sponsored by the Consistory, with all proceeds supporting our students. *If you would like to volunteer for this fundraiser, please contact Sheree Haubrich or Dave Whitter for more information.

XYG Youth V.I.B.E. Night — On February 17, XYG will join Pass the Word VI for Youth V.I.B.E. Night at Barefoot Buddha at 6:00 PM. Youth are invited to express themselves through spoken word, poetry, dance, music, or art. Join us for an evening of creativity, community, and authentic expression.

STRC Stewardship Focus - Throughout January and February, people from STRC have been sharing stories of how STRC has impacted them. We want to share what God has done and what God is doing in our congregation and ask for your support in 2026. **Next Sunday, February 8**, we will wrap up our Stewardship-themed weeks with a "**Commitment Sunday**" as we ask members and attendees to fill out a commitment card and place it in the offering plate, drop it off, or mail it to the church.

Small Group Leadership Class- A Small Group Leadership Class will continue on Wednesday, January 28, from 6:00–7:00 PM. Anyone interested in leading a small group, Bible study, or Breaking Bread dinner group is encouraged to participate. This is a 3-week class designed to equip and support emerging and current leaders. If you were unable to join last week but are interested please see Sheree Haubrich or RSVP through the Church Center app.

Summer Camp Positions Available - We are currently seeking individuals to fill several roles for Summer Camp. If you are interested in serving with our camp ministry and supporting our children and youth this summer. Please scan the QR to apply] please see Sheree` Haubrich for more information.

Breaking Bread Groups - All participants are asked to attend the initial Breaking Bread Groups meeting on Sunday, February 1, immediately after worship. This meeting is to meet group leaders and coordinate schedules for first gatherings. Please come prepared with your calendars, and make sure you are signed into Church Center for group updates and communication.



Community Town Hall - St. Thomas Reformed Church will host a Community Town Hall on Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 6:00–7:30 PM. Neighbors and congregation members are invited to join us for an evening of listening, conversation, and community dialogue. All are welcome.

Black History Month at STRC - Today's worship includes music chosen to commemorate Black History Month, which began in 1926 to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every endeavor throughout our history. The month of February was chosen by its founder, Carter G. Woodson, to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (2/12) and Frederick Douglass (2/14). Each Sunday in February, we'll be singing gospel songs, spirituals, and/or works by African-American composers, and on Sunday 2/22, we'll offer a special service focused on STRC's own Edward Wilmot Blyden.

Pastoral Search Committee Prayer Request - We are now planning for our lead candidate to visit St. Thomas in March. After prayerful consideration, our lead candidate and his family have decided to commit his mother to in-home Hospice care. The timing of these urgent and important family decisions led our Pastoral Search Committee leaders to push our pastoral candidate's visit back by one month in coordination with the candidate.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Preaching:	Rev. Bryan Berghoef
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Christy Berghoef & the Adult Choir
Greeters:	Teshawn Mills and Erik Petersen
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Ariel & Lyra Rosenthal & Dave Whitter

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