

WORLD



COMMUNION

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

October 1, 2023

10:00am Service

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32;
Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

...“WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE...”

Gathering Music

Aboris de Jesús

Greeting and Ministry Announcements

Call to Worship (From Psalm 8)

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

AMEN!

O LORD, our Sovereign,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Infants and children sing Your praise.

You have made us a little lower than You,

Crowned us with glory and honor.

You set us in charge of caring for Your creation,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Prayer

***Hymn #722**

"This is my Song"

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Call to Confession | Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that we do not always perceive Your image in others. We often dehumanize those who are different than us, especially those we perceive as enemies, instead of following Your commandment to love our enemies and bless those who persecute us. Throughout history we have distorted Your image, making You more like us, rather than making us more like You. Forgive us for distorting Your image, for dehumanizing

others, for not understanding who we are in relationship with You. Call us back to Your ways, to view one another as You view us, as Your children. In the name of Christ, who lived like us, died like us, and lives again, we pray....

Response "Be Unto Your Name" DeShazo & Sadler

Words of Assurance and Hope

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

Children's Message

*Hymn "Santo, Santo, Santo" SANTO

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Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón /
Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart

Chords: C, Em/G, Asus, Am, C7, F, G, F/C, C, Gm7, C7, F, G, Em7, Am, Dm7, G7sus, G7, C

Spanish: San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!
English: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you!
Dutch: Hei - lig, hei - lig, hei - lig, mijn hart brengt U de e - re!
French: Dieu saint, Dieu saint, Dieu saint, mon coeur, mon coeur t'a - do - re.
Korean: Gaw-rohk, gaw - rohk, gaw - rohk, nah - ruhl Ju - neem - ke drimnee-dah.

Second System:
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart pours out my praise to — you; you are ho - ly, Lord.
Van har - te loof ik U - we — Naam; hei - lig bent U, Heer.
Mon coeur le dit, mon coeur s'en ré-jouit: tu es saint, mon Dieu.
Nay - ga Ju-neem chan yahng hop-nee-dah; gaw - rohk hashin, Ju-neem.

Scripture: **Philippians 2:1-13**

Sermon: **"Bad Form!"** *-Pastor Jeff Neevel*

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE..."

We give our gifts, tithes and offerings as an expression of gratitude for all of God's blessings. Online giving is available at www.strchurch.org/give
(Teachers and students dismissed to faith formation classes)

Offertory **"Rain"** Tony Ann

***Doxology**

***The Apostle's Creed (p.359)**

A Celebration of World Communion

(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 and return to your seat using the center aisle. Single serve cups are also available up front.)

Communion Music:

"One Bread, One Body"

Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

***Thanksgiving After Communion**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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

***Benediction**

Announcements:

Thank you to Aboris DeJesús (piano), James Anderson (guitar) and Emily Rowe (soprano) for sharing the gift of music this morning.

Liturgist and Worship elements: Rev. Rebecca Broom, Amber Knight.

Thank you to Sharee Winslow for baking the Communion Bread.

CSVI is celebrating 10 years of "Pinktober" this month. 100% of funds raised go directly to cancer patients in the USVI. Learn more at www.cancersupportvi.com

Get to know your Consistory Members:

Elders-

Dave Whitter VP
Rev.Rebecca Broom
Leroy Dennis
Billie Hodges
Amber Knight

Deacons-

David Haddow, Secretary
Cathy Clemmets
Randy Shaw
Ty Troutman
Ryan Wisehart

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

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| Ministers: | All of us worshipping together |
| Preaching: | Pastor Jeff Neevel |
| Music: | Aboris de Jesús, James Anderson, Emily Rowe |
| AV Team: | James Anderson, James Cobb, Dave Whitter, Andrea King |

NEXT STEPS

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- Aboris De Jesús has been studying piano since childhood. She began learning the piano at age 5 and by age 9 she had won first place in a piano competition at the Conservatorio de Música de Puerto Rico. At age 14 she went to Interlochen Arts Academy where she completed two years and graduated with honors. She then went on to earn her Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Lawrence University and her Masters in Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma. Currently, she teaches private and group lessons at GClef Music Academy and at the University of the Virgin Islands.
- **Interested in Volunteering?** Sign up Sheets in the back of the Church or online at www.strchurch.org/serve.
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