

...SO IT IS WITH
CHRIST'S BODY.
WE ARE MANY PARTS
OF **ONE BODY,** AND
WE ALL BELONG
TO **EACH OTHER.**

ROMANS 12:5 NLT

St. Thomas
Reformed Church 

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

January 19, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

...“WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE...”

Gathering Music

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

Greeting | Ministry Updates

Introit

“I Need You to Survive”

Frazier

I need you, you need me
We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me
We're all a part of God's body
It is God's will that every need be supplied
You are important to me, I need you to survive
I pray for you, you pray for me
I love you, I need you to survive
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive
It is God's will that every need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive

Call to Worship/Prayer

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

Amen!

On this day, we gather as one body in Christ, called to love, serve, and seek justice for all people. We come to remember the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who dreamed of a world where all are treated with dignity and equality. We are many, yet in Christ, we are one.

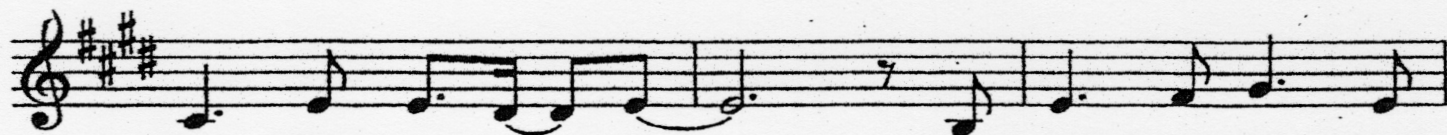
We come to lift our voices in praise, to honor the Creator of all, and to commit ourselves to justice, reconciliation, and peace. We are many, yet in Christ, we are one.

Let us worship the God of justice, who calls us to live in unity.

We are many, yet in Christ, we are one.



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 wel - come in_ this place.

Call to Confession | Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have fallen short of Your glory. We have failed to live as one body in Christ, and we often turn a blind eye to injustice. Forgive us for not loving as You have called us to love, for not acting justly, and for not walking humbly with You. Heal our hearts, O God, and guide us in Your way of peace and unity. In Jesus' name...

Response

'Fix Me'

Spiritual

Oh, *fix me

Oh, fix me

Oh, fix me, Lord

Fix me, Jesus, fix me

*Change me

*Use me

Words of Assurance and Hope

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and through God's grace, we are forgiven. In Christ, we are made one—reconciled to God and to one another.

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven, and we are free to live as one body in Christ. Amen.

Children's Choir Anthem:

"We Walk His Way/ We Are Marching" South Africa

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Children's Message

***Hymn 'Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round'** Spiritual
(Children are dismissed to Christian Education Classes)

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round

Turn me 'round, turn me 'round

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round

Refrain:

I'm gonna keep on walkin', Keep on talkin'

Till I reach the Higher Ground

Ain't gonna let nobody walk alone
Walk alone, walk alone
Ain't gonna let nobody walk alone (*refrain*)

Ain't gonna let nobody tear you down
Tear you down, tear you down
Ain't gonna let nobody tear you down (*refrain*)

Brothers and sisters, walk together now
Together now, together now
Brothers and sisters, walk together now
We're gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Till we reach the Higher Ground

Scripture Memory Verse: *Romans 12:5*

"We who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another."

Sermon Series: **Experiencing God:** (#10 of 12)
 "God's Will and The Church" -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

"Shed a Little Light"

Taylor

Payge Turner, soloist

Oh, let us turn our thoughts today to Martin Luther King
And recognize that there are ties between us
All men and women, living on the earth
Ties of hope and love of sister and brotherhood
That we are bound together
In our desire to see the world become
A place in which our children can grow free and strong
We are bound together by the task that stands before us
And the road that lies ahead

We are bound, and we are bound
There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist
There is a hunger in the center of the chest
There is a passage through the darkness and the mist
And though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest
Shed a little light, oh, Lord
So that we can see
Just a little light, oh, Lord
Want to stand it on up
Wanna walk it on down
Gonna shed a little light, oh, Lord
Don't see me no light from a dollar bill
Don't give me no light from the TV screen
When I open my eyes, I want to drink my fill
From the well on the hill
I know you know what I mean
Shed a little light, oh, Lord
So that we can see
Just a little light, oh, Lord

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

'We Shall Overcome'

Traditional

***We shall overcome, we shall overcome**
We shall overcome someday
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome *someday

***We'll walk hand in hand**
***We shall live in peace**
***We shall overcome, *today**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Announcements

The Children's Choir will not rehearse this morning; rehearsals will resume next Sunday.

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord!

The Adult Choir has resumed regular rehearsals, 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.

Worship Team meets this Saturday!

The Worship Planning Team will meet this Saturday, January 25th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Pavilion to begin planning for upcoming services and events including Black History Month, Women's History/V.I. History Month, and the season of Lent. 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

Next Week:

-The Sacrament of Baptism for Camden Comissiong Osarski- son of Scott and Danielle Comissiong Osarski.

-XYG Barbeque & Bake Sale after worship to support their Mission/Vision Trip to Jarabacoa, DR.

-Inquirer's Class (11:30am in the Retreat Center)

What does it mean to say "I belong to" or "I'm a member of" the St Thomas Reformed Church? What does membership mean and why does it matter? The Inquirer's Class seeks to answer those questions, adding a bit of history about the Reformed Church in America, our theology/beliefs, and why we worship the way we do. Spread over approximately four class hours, Pastor Jeff covers four "ships" (Worship, Leadership, Stewardship and Membership) leading to an invitation to anyone who decides to deepen their faith commitment to the body of Christ by becoming a member through baptism (for those who have never been baptized); Confession of Faith (for those who have never publicly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ); Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who have previously been members of a church and are renewing their commitment); or transfer (for those who hold membership in another church and would like to transfer to

STRC). Sign up today! www.strchurch.org/nextsteps or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Online Update:

Are you aware that we have a **Playlist on Youtube?** Along with our past services, we just posted our 100th Music Video!

You can find the **STRC Music Video Playlist** on **St Thomas Reformed Church's YouTube Channel.**

Whether you're watching on Facebook or YouTube, **please like, subscribe** and share the joy!

Salvation Army Summer Volunteers! Every Tuesday our faithful volunteers assist the Salvation Army lunch program. If you are interested in helping to serve (11:30am-1pm) please contact: Elena Shaubah @ 340-643-0100.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshipping together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Payge Turner, the Adult Choir & the Children's Choir
Band:	Guitar- James Cobb, Drums-Ryan Diehl & Bass- Uriel Rogers
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Trey Thompson & Dave Whitter

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