



St. Thomas United Church  
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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**Sunday, April 29, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Love Abides**

✠ Indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

**We Gather With**

PRELUDE: Kari Orosz – “Abide with Me” & “Two-Part Invention #14 in B-Flat” – by Bach, arr. by D. Linda McKechnie

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 AND REGION 3 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A wicker prayer basket will be sent around. If you have a prayer request, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place it in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.*

✠INTROIT: Dance with the Spirit (Walk & Sing)

**MV#156**

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: *Myrna Malanik*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

In some parts of the world, today feels like spring.

**We worship the God of new life.**

In some parts of the world, today feels like summer.

**We worship the God of growth.**

In some parts of the world, today feels like autumn.

**We worship the God of the harvest.**

In some parts of the world, today feels like winter.

**We worship the God of rest.**

We worship the God that is with us around the globe and here in this place.

**We worship the God of all seasons.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison)*

**Guide us in our worship today, Holy Spirit. As we hear words of love and challenge, move through us, calling us to act upon them. As we sing praises, may our hearts be lightened. Inspire us to reconnect with you in ways we never imagined possible; to be changed because we have been here to worship together. Amen.**

†HYMN: *Your Love Is Amazing*

**MV#26**

SCRIPTURE: *John 15:1-8*

*Reader: Elaine Gray*

One: This is the witness of The Church.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – “Down by the Riverside” with “Standing in the Need of Prayer” – arr. Mary McDonald*

CHILDREN’S TIME

*(Children and Youth are invited to join their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary.)*

THE MESSAGE: *“Love Abides”*

†HYMN: *Abide With Me*

**VU#436**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“Supporting People Entering Ministry”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *Grateful (chorus only)*

**MV#182**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**Whether it be time, talent, or treasure, we bring the fruits of our lives to you, loving and inclusive God. May all that we give be used in ways that bear even more fruit in the world. Amen.**

†CALL TO PRAYER: *Now the Green Blade Rises (vv.1&4)*

**VU#186**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS (Unison)

†HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**VU#333**

COMMISSIONING: **(Responsive)**

May we abide in the love that comes from God above.

**May we live in love that is as expansive as all creation.**

May we grow in love that calls us home.

**As we leave this place, may we allow God's love to bloom and spread.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's worship service a reality.