



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

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**Sunday, May 13, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Mother's Day Sunday**

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

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

PRELUDE: Kari Orosz – *“Noble Maiden Fair”*  
- (*A Mhaighdean Bhan Uasal*) - by Patrick Doyle

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: *Maxine Mendritzki*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Children's Choir – “A Million Dreams”*  
– by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

God called into the world saying,  
**come.**

To all mothers and children saying,  
**come.**

To the motherless and childless saying,  
**come.**

To all those longing to be loved saying,  
**come.**

To all God's children saying,  
**come, for you are truly and deeply loved like no other.**  
**As we gather we say, come.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison)*

**Like a loving parent gathering those closest to them together as evening approaches, so we gather together ever closer to God's presence. In this place and in this time let us know the love of God as loving parent, comforting grace, and precious in God's sight. Amen.**

†HYMN: *Who Is My Mother*

**MV#178**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE: *John 17:6-19*

*Reader: John Latter*

One: This is the witness of The Church.  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – "How Great Thou Art"*  
*– by Hine/Raney*

THE MESSAGE: *Three Wise Women(?)*

†HYMN: *Sisters Let Us Walk Together*

**MV#179**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *"A Life of Giving in Action"*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS  
with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *Grateful (chorus only)*

**MV#182**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**In gratitude for all the gifts that we have been given, we return a portion back to the mission and ministry of this community in this, God's world. Bless the gifts that we offer that they may be used to remake the world in God's own image. Amen.**

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

**VU#186**

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

†HYMN: *May God's Sheltering Wings (2x)*

**MV#214**

COMMISSIONING: **(Responsive)**

In gathering with one another we have come to know God more fully,

**who loved us before we were born,**  
who knows us better than we know ourselves,  
**whose presence never leaves us,**  
and whose love for us never ceases.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

BENEDICTION: **(Unison)**

**We go into the week and the world, knowing that we are embraced by the love of God, the companionship of Jesus the Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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