



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

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**Sunday, June 17, 10:00 am**  
**Theme: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

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

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

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “The Last Goodbye”*  
*by Billy Boyd & Fran Walsh*

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: *Morning Has Broken* (vv. 1&3)

**VU#409**

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: *Hilda MacDonald*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Knock and the door shall be opened,

**seek and we shall find,**

plant seeds and the promise will grow,

**come and the Spirit will abide.**

Today we are here,

**and in God’s presence we are gathered once more. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Through the ages, God has moved the people of Christ to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places where God's presence is celebrated in word and sacrament. With gratitude for this place and space we gather to remember and recommit it in God's name. May we receive the gift of this building that it may stand as testament and promise of God's place in our lives and God's place in this community. Amen.

*(Adapted from Celebrate God's Presence 13A004)*

✠OPENING HYMN: *Let Us Build a House*

**MV#1**

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 4:26-34*

*Reader: Dennis Watson*

One: This is the witness of The Church.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – "Circle of Life" by Elton John & Tim Rice; arr. by Keith Christopher*

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Sunday School/Youth Memories" – Deyelle MacDonald

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

THE MESSAGE: "St. Thomas Is Mortgage Free!!"

- *Founding members: Barb Cousens*
- *Building Committee – history of St. Thomas building: Dennis Gidley & Dennis Watson*
- *Stained-Glass: Neil Swanson*
- *Music History: Elaine Taylor-Kerr*

HYMN: *The Church Is Wherever God's People*

**VU#579**

MINUTE FOR ST. THOMAS: "The Building and Mortgage Fund: Not just the Mortgage Anymore" – Betty Smith

## INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

### OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *We Give You But Your Own*

**VU#542**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**For the gifts of this place, the gifts of our history, and the gifts gathered here, we give great thanks. For the difference we have made, and for the call that we continue, we give great thanks. For open hands, open hearts, open minds and the blessing of God's grace, we give great thanks. For these and all things, we give great thanks. Amen.**

†CALL TO PRAYER: *Spirit, Open My Heart (chorus only)* **MV#79**

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

†HYMN: *Draw the Circle Wide*

**MV#145**

COMMISSIONING: **(Responsive)**

We have been richly blessed. From the walls to the ceiling,  
**from the very beginning to the promise of the future, we are richly blessed.**

In those present today

**and those that have come before, we are richly blessed.**

As we go from this place,

**let us know in our hearts that these blessings go with us,  
for we are richly blessed. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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