



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

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Sunday, September 2, 10:00 am
Theme: Affirming Sunday

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – All You Need Is Love*
– by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

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: *Come, Children, Join to Sing (vv. 1&2)*

VU#345

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter:

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Come and worship the One who calls us in to a relationship of love more intimate than our dearest friendship, more lasting than the tides of the ocean, and more beautiful than the span of heaven on a clear night.

For I have formed you, my beloved one, says our Creator, and I walk beside you each moment.

For you are children of the most high, each and every one of you.

For you are my chosen people; even before your first babble sounds, I knew your thoughts.

You are precious in my sight and honoured, says God.

May we accept the invitation to know this ancient love in our lives. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows, God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves, God of sunlit seas, of water poured out in rivers and oceans, God of all people. God who colours us in a world of variety and mystery, we give you thanks. We thank you that you have made us each unique and in your image and that you call us to add our unique colour to the rainbow that is your love surrounding this your world. Bathed in the wonders of your love we come to worship you once more. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN: *Let Us Build a House*

MV#1

SCRIPTURE: James 1:17-27

Reader: Rachel Murray

One: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE: “

†HYMN: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

MV#138

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “*Spiritual and Practical Care in the City*”

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *God of the Sparrow (v.3)*

VU#229

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Holy God, Spirit of openness and affirmation, receive these gifts that they may be used to the work of your love in the world. May we seek to use these and all our resources to create a world and a church where all are honoured, loved, and fully welcomed. Amen.

†CALL TO PRAYER: *And When You Call for Me (2x)* **MV#96**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS
(Wanda Veer)

†HYMN: *I Am Walking a Path of Peace* **MV#221**

COMMISSIONING: (*Responsive*)

We give thanks for the variety and the colours of love in the world.
We give thanks for the abundance and variety of love in our church.

Let us go from this place, bathed in that love;
to show the world the meaning and power of that love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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