



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

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Sunday, June 4, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Pentecost!!!

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – I See Fire – Ed Sheeran*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT: *River Running in You and Me (vv 1,7)*

MV#163

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: Hope Cochran

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Spirit. Wind. Breath. God.

Spirit. Wind. Breath. Love.

Spirit. Wind. Breath. Forgiveness.

Spirit. Wind. Breath. Hope.

Spirit. Wind. Breath.

Come, let us worship God in spirit and truth.

OPENING PRAYER: **(Unison)**

Come and be present with us now, Holy Spirit. The world waits and we wait for the wonder of the gifts which you bring. Amen.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: *Please see insert*

✠HYMN: *Come, O Holy Spirit*

MV#23

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 2:1-4*

Dramatic and Scripture Readers: Jan Campbell, Keith Campbell, Dennis Gidley, Rachel Murray, Hilda MacDonald, Erin MacLean-Berko, Tracy Robertson, Stu Robbins.

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir: Come, Now, Spirit of God – by English/Martin*

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

THE MESSAGE: *Promises*

✠HYMN: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

VU#375

MINUTE FOR ST. THOMAS: *Communications Team*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

✠OFFERTORY: *What Does the Lord Require of You*

VU#701

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

We bring a wide variety of gifts to the table, O God, gifts that we have received by your grace. Take all we offer – our money, our time, our talents, our dreams, our hands, our hearts – and

**use them to make your Spirit's presence felt in all the world.
Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre (v. 1)***VU#374**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *Please see insert*

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: **(Responsive)**

Receive the Spirit of God,

**that amazing gift that is present in our midst yet beyond our
full comprehension.**

Let that Spirit renew your life;

**we take that Spirit into a world that hungers and thirsts for a
new awareness of God's presence.**

HYMN: *Called by Earth and Sky*

MV#135

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Adult Choir, Kristin Raugust, John McCrea, Jan & Keith Campbell, Karen Kotkas, Hope Cochran, Communications Team, Mark Wagner, Jillian Sanderson, Dennis Gidley, Rachel Murray, Hilda MacDonald, Erin MacLean-Berko, Kyle Glass, Stu Robbins.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Today, we welcome two people who have chosen St. Thomas as their congregation of choice through transfer of their membership. We gather to welcome them as members of this church, and to attest to the power of the Holy Spirit, celebrating you who make your place in this community of the people of God.

Presentation:

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit.

We gather to celebrate God's presence,
to discern God's truth,
and to follow the way of Jesus.

By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.
We exercise this membership
in the denomination to which we belong,
which for us is The United Church of Canada,
and within the context of a local community of faith.

On behalf of the St. Thomas United Church congregation,
I present the following persons
whom we welcome into the membership
of this community of faith:

Sandra Burgess
John Burgess

Commitment of New Members:

Will you join with us, your St. Thomas United Church family,
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment:

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As your sisters and brothers in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Welcome:

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities
of membership in this congregation.
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing and Sending Forth:

May you feel united with us at St. Thomas as the Body of Christ in
the world. Go in peace. **Amen.**

COMMUNION:

In The United Church of Canada we affirm that everyone is equally wonderfully and mysteriously made by God who sees it all as good. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. There are no barriers or limitations, no membership requirements or dues that must be paid; there are no judgments about how you identify, whom you love, or what has happened in your past; it isn't about how you understand God or the heritage you claim – here at this table you are simply, welcome. Here, there is room for all.

With joy we gather at this sacred table to be sacred community; to be the people called by God into new and everlasting life.

We gather at this table to remember that Jesus often ate with his friends. At one extraordinary meal, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Bread for the journey...may it satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink; this cup poured out for you is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

The cup of new life.... may it quench our spiritual thirst.

What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection.

We remember our own resurrection moments.

We remember that it is up to us to bring peace and justice to the earth.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Bless us, O God, and what we do here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another and to the world. Amen

Communion

(If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and after all the others have been served, you can raise your hand and we will come to you).

†HYMN after Communion: *Halle, Halle, Halle (2x)*

VU#958