



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

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Sunday, September 10, 2017, 10:00am

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “By the Grace of God”*
– by *Katy Perry and Greg Wells*

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: *And on This Path*

MV#8

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: ***(Responsive)***

In the midst of the unknown we gather.

In the midst of all that we know and all that we cannot know, we are made welcome.

Welcome to search, to ask, to seek, and to know the Holy.

As diverse as the world around us and as deep as The Divine, we seek the many ways that we are called into community to journey together. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Holy One, we gather in your name and in this place to seek your

presence. We come with longing hearts and deep questioning souls seeking to know you more fully, knowing that the questions we ask are beginnings of deeper understandings. Speak to us in our lives and into our hearts once more, through our worship in words and actions we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

✠HYMN: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU#395

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 139:7-12*

Reader: David Gray

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – “Make This Church a Welcome Place” – by Raney/Williams*

THE MESSAGE: *“Hot Seat” with Tracy & Justin*

✠HYMN: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

VU#356

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“A Vibrant Youth Program”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

✠OFFERTORY: *Open Our Hearts (2x)*

MV#21

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Gracious God, in our search for answers we respond to your questions of what we might do in the lives of others. May we respond with gifts that echo your image of a world made whole and holy. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *We Are Pilgrims (v. 1)*

VU#595

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: *(Leader)*

HYMN: *We Have This Ministry*

VU#510

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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