



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

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Sunday, September 24, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Covenantal Relationships

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Amazing Grace – by Melody Bober*

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 request, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place it in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.

INTROIT: *And on This Path*

MV#8

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE - *Candle Lighter: Laurie Somers*

Dedication of Framed United Church of Canada Apology

We dedicate this framed United Church of Canada Apology to St. Thomas United Church. May it be a sign to all of our commitment to reconciliation and healing. May it be another reminder to us that we will intentionally continue to create and re-create safe space for all. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

God calls to our spirits, inviting us to worship.

God calls to our spirits, inviting us by love.

God calls to our spirits, calling us by name,

calling us to grow in faith,

calling us to be made new.

We come to worship, allowing our spirits to be filled with all that we need.

OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts, waiting to be filled:

with a sense of your presence;

with the touch of your spirit;

with new energy for service.

Come to us, we pray.

Be with us.

We pray for mindful acceptance of all that is. Not acceptance that leads to complacency, but acceptance that empowers us to respond with clarity, competence, and faithfulness. Refresh our bodies, minds, and spirits this day that we may fill your world with compassion, love, and hope. Amen.

†HYMN: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV#144

SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 8:20-22, 9:8-17*

Reader: Stu Robbins

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – “A Pavane for Band”*

– by Hugh M. Stuart

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

THE MESSAGE

†HYMN: *Deep in Our Hearts*

MV#154

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Engaging Difference*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS – with our Offerings & Prayers

†OFFERTORY: *Open Our Hearts (2x)*

MV#21

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – “MacPherson’s Lament”
- Traditional*

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

Caring God of the Rainbow Covenant,

All we have is yours. We are your people. May we offer not only our material gifts, but our whole selves to you, and to all those who need our support in the quest for justice. All we have is yours. We are your people. Thanks be to God. Amen

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

VU#595

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

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

Go out in joy!

Letting ourselves be led into a whole and complete life.

We go out, listening to all of creation bursting with song.

We remember the great and lasting evidence of the wonders of God.

HYMN: *For the Healing of the Nations*

VU#678

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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