



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

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Sunday, September 23, 10:00 am
Theme: First & Last

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Autumn Leaves” by Joseph Kosma*

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: Hope Cochran

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

We are called to gather and to serve;

to seek something more than recognition or credit.

We are called to be a part of something larger than ourselves,
that together we might be the people of God in the world around us.

OPENING PRAYER: **(Unison)**

We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and

ask you to draw near to us. Help us in our gathering to know your presence among us and seek to notice your humility. In wisdom and understanding may we know your will and follow your call, today and forever. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* VU#468

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 9:30-37*

Reader: *Hope Cochran*

One: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – “Do Lord, Remember Me”*
Traditional spiritual, arr. Russell Martin

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

THE MESSAGE: *“First & Last”*

†HYMN: *I Am a Child of God*

MV#157

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Advocacy in Action*

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, by the work of our hands and the gifts of our hearts may we offer you what we are able. Through open hands, open hearts, and open minds, may we be a part of the work of your church. Amen.

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

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS (Leader)

†HYMN: *Oh a Song Must Rise* **MV#142**

COMMISSIONING: ***(Responsive)***

We go from this place knowing faith in our hearts,

hearing wisdom in our lives,

living humility in our steps,

and knowing the presence of God in our community. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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