



Welcome to Worship!

St. Thomas United is an open, affirming, accepting, and child friendly faith community. With children present we expect noise and movement, so there's no need to leave the Sanctuary when it happens. If parents feel more comfortable with their children in nursery care, we have a nursery for babies & children under 3 years of age – just follow the posted signs.

We hope that your worship experience will feed you and challenge you on your faith journey.

Please talk to a greeter or the folks wearing an “Ask Me” badge if there's anything you are unsure of or have a question about.

There are Hearing Assistance Sets available. Ask a greeter or Ask Me person to get one.

We project everything you will need to participate in worship. You will also find hymnbooks in your seats if you'd prefer to use them.

Newcomers – please fill out one of our Communication Cards. This is our first opportunity to be in touch with you so that we can start to get to know one another.

Ministers: Rev. Tracy Robertson,
Rev. Justin McNeill

Office Manager: Sandra Dusoswa

Music Team: Pam Bazinet, Barb Robertson,
Dick Worton, Erin MacLean-Berko

Accompanists: Kari Orosz, Kloria Wen

Youth Leaders: Heather Robertson,
Eden Middleton

Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:
Erin MacLean-Berko

Office Email: office@stthomasunited.ca

Sunday, May 13, 2018

10:00 am

Theme: Mother's Day Sunday

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

Prelude: *Kari Orosz - “Noble Maiden Fair”*
- (A Mhaighdean Bhan Uasal) - by Patrick Doyle

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Introit: *Dance with the Spirit (Walk & Sing)*

MV#156

Christ Candle & Silence

Ministry of Music: *The Children's Choir -*

“A Million Dreams” - by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: *Who Is My Mother*

MV#178

Children's Time

Scripture: *John 17:6-19*

Ministry of Music: *The Adult Choir - “How Great Thou Art” - by Hine/Raney*

The Message: *Three Wise Women(?)*

Hymn: *Sisters Let Us Walk Together*

MV#179

Minute for Mission: *“A Life of Giving in Action”*

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity to Open Hands

Offertory: *Grateful (Chorus Only)*

MV#182

Offertory Prayer

Call to Prayer: *Now the Green Blade Rises (vv. 1&4)*

VU#186

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: *May God's Sheltering Wings (2x)*

MV#214

Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude

You might have noticed a red dress hanging in our Narthex. Please take a moment to read the explanation below of why it is there and the importance of the campaign. **The Red Dress Campaign for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls:** The Red Dress Campaign symbolizes the quest for justice and equity for Indigenous women who have been murdered and gone missing, and for whom justice has yet to be served. It recognizes their families and friends who continue to wait to know what happened to their loved ones, and reminds us of our responsibilities to help stop violence not only against Indigenous women, but against all people in our community. This red dress commemorates those who grieve, those who remember, and those who have died.

The Paths to Reconciliation Team invites you to come and learn more about the Red Dress Campaign and other important work with which it is engaged. The purpose of this team is to help St. Thomas live out the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and build respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Walking With Our Sisters: A commemorative art installation and ceremony in honour of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit Relatives. The primary goal of this installation is to honour the lives of the women and girls. The unfinished moccasins (called “vamps”) represent the unfinished lives of the women and girls who have been murdered or who are still missing. The children’s vamps honour the boys and girls who did not return home to their families from Residential Schools. The project affirms that every life matters and the women and girls are worthy of respect and dignity.

April 29 - May 13, 2018, at Riddell Library & Learning Centre, Mount Royal University, www.wwoscalgary.ca.

St. Thomas Ex-UCW Potluck: We are having a Ladies Spring Potluck for all our ex-UCW members. We would also like to invite all gals from St Thomas. The potluck will be held in the Narthex on **MONDAY, JUNE 4 AT 5:30 P.M.** There will be no sign up sheet. Please bring your own dishes, utensils, and your potluck offering. Be prepared for lots of good conversation and laughter! For more information, please contact Wanda Veer or Lois Shewan.

Primetimers: On Saturday May 5, 39 St. Thomas Primetimers were treated to a wonderful musical performance of HMS Pinafore. Those songs are classics and the unfolding story was humorous and easy to understand. A great time was had by all!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, **June 12** at 11am. We will be holding a BBQ/picnic for the Primetimers at Bowness Park. Please see the poster in the Narthex and sign-up to attend.

Neighbour Day: June 16 from 2-5pm. Food, friendship, games for kids! Come hang out with your Hawkwood neighbours. Volunteers needed for set up and take down. Sign up sheets coming soon.

30th Anniversary Celebration: St. Thomas United is celebrating 30 years in our Hawkwood location. All past and present attendees are invited to attend a special anniversary service on **Sunday, June 17 at 10am**. A reception will follow at 11:15. Please let us know if you're able to attend by adding your name to the sign-up sheet that will be posted in the Narthex closer to the event. Please plan on attending our Anniversary service before the celebration!
St. Thomas 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Plan on attending the **July 8** Stampede service! Stampede breakfast to follow!

Garage Sale: It's that time of year again! Please start collecting your gently used items (a good excuse for spring cleaning?!?) to donate to the St. Thomas garage sale. The sale will be **held May 26 from 9am-2pm**, with setup the afternoon of May 25. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the Narthex. Maxine Mendritzki and Brenda Roberts. **Items we will NOT accept:** Furniture, car seats or infant furniture, weapons, hazardous waste, construction materials, large appliances, stereo consoles, flammable products, food, carpets, newspapers, encyclopedias, glass jars, swing sets, TVs, computer monitors, mattresses, waterbeds, auto parts.

A huge thank you to the more than twenty adults and Youth Group members who came out for this year's spring clean-up on May 5th. The weather was beautiful and all the work was completed by 10:30am – a new record!

Veterans Food Bank – We always think of food when remembering our veterans, but there are many other items that can be donated. At this time there is a need for regular-sized bottles of **shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion. Paper towels** would be appreciated as well. The Bank received enough canned meat during their food drive in the fall to last a long time, as well as lots of candy at Christmas.

Thank you everyone.

Avenue 15: Volunteers are needed to spend approx. 3-3.5 hours to prepare and share dinner at the Avenue 15 homeless youth shelter on a Sunday afternoon. Our next dinners are **May 27 and June 24**. Please sign up on the sheet on the M&O board in the Narthex, or contact **Hope Cochran at 587-581-2619** for more information.

Camp fyrefly is a University project operated by the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS). Camps in Alberta are held in Edmonton and Calgary for LGBTQ+ youth. The Calgary camp will be held at Camp Chief Hector YMCA **June 30 to July 3**. For those interested in making donations, please make them payable to University of Alberta and note on the memo line that the donation is for Camp fyrefly Calgary. Mail payment to iSMSS, at 7-104 Education North Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB, T6G 2G5. Payments can also be made online - visit www.campfyrefly.ca to find out more.

Junior Youth Sunday Morning: On Sunday, **May 13** during the service, there will be a special program geared towards children in grades 4 – 6. It will be led by one of the Junior Youth Leaders. The children will start the morning in the service and then leave for their program when the rest of the Sunday School and the Senior Youth Group leave. Friends are always welcome.

Camp Kasota West: Camp Kasota West is a United Church camp on Sylvan Lake near Red Deer. It offers week-long residential camping experiences in July and August for children who have completed grades 1 – 9. It also offers counsellor-in-training weeks for youth who have finished grades 9 – 11, and sailing camps for youth who have finished grades 8 – 11. The rates are very reasonable. Several St. Thomas children have attended over the years. Parents have described it as ‘the best deal for summer.’

Naramata Centre 2018: Naramata offers programs that inspire, entertain, teach, and allow space for individual expression for people of all ages. The Centre will be offering a variety of programs from mid May until mid Oct. You may also choose to go there simply to relax. For further information, check out <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/programs/>

Summer Camp at St. Thomas July 23-27: Camp Caravan is a summer day-camp program for children in kindergarten to grade 6 sponsored by St. Andrew’s Regional Ministries. It promises to be a fun-filled week of activities that help children learn about the Bible stories and God’s power and love at work in the world. It runs from 9am – 4pm and costs \$125/child (financial assistance is available). See <https://andychurch.org/campcaravan/> or call 403-259-4080 for further details.

St. Thomas is compiling a list of this year’s graduates from high school, university, and college, which will be included in the announcements at the end of June. We rely on the congregation to pass along the names of individuals to congratulate. Please send us names, programs completed, “next step” info if you know at this point (name, grade 12 diploma, going to UBC, studying ___ or has accepted a job with ___). If they aren’t sure what the next step is, just leave that part out. Send information to Sandra in writing, either by email at: office@stthomasunited.ca, or by filling out a communication card.

August 18-19, 2018: In 2017, **Team 4 All** raised **\$47,200.26** with nine people riding **The Ride to Conquer Cancer** for the **Alberta Cancer Foundation**. So far in **2018**, **Team 4 All** has **23** people, more than double the 2017 **Team 4 All**! Come join us in 2018: everyone from clowns, to food, to hauling trucks, to riders of all kinds. The ride continues ... David Robertson, david.j.robertson@shaw.ca, 403-547-3123, <http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/DavidRobertson2018> or <http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/Team4All2018>.

Healing Touch will be offered in the Sanctuary by appointment on the first Tuesday evening (7pm and 8pm) and the second Thursday afternoon (1pm and 2:30pm) of each month until July.

Drumming Circle will be offered the second Tuesday evening of the month from 7-9pm, February until July. Registration is required and will be limited to 30 people.

A Moment of Peace: A meditative service is held every Monday morning at 10:45am and the last Monday evening of each month at 5:30pm.

Sign Up for St. Thomas Announcements and E-Letters: Want to know what's going on? Sign up for announcements by filling out a Communication Card or calling the office at (403)241-0366.

Any announcements, advertisements, or requests for non-church related products, services, or donations to organizations contained in this bulletin/newsletter should not be interpreted as recommendations, endorsements, or permissions by St. Thomas United Church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

	Community Time After Each Service
Sunday, May 13	Worship
10:00 am	
Monday, May 14	AM Fitness
9:30 am	Moment of Peace
10:45 am	John Waines Celebration of Life
2:00 pm	Sparks
5:15 pm	Orchestra
7:00 pm	YAC Meeting
7:00 pm	
Tuesday, May 15	Quilting
9:00 am	Strummers
1:00 pm	Karate
4:15 pm	Brownies
6:30 pm	Pathfinders
6:30 pm	
Wednesday, May 16	AM Fitness
9:30 am	Cooking with Friends
10:30 am	Art Group
1:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
7:00 pm	
Thursday, May 17	Quilting For Others
9:00 am	Together We Worship
9:00 am	Karate
4:15 pm	Sparks
5:45 pm	Strummers
6:00 pm	Children's Choir
6:00 pm	Adult Choir
7:15 pm	
Friday, May 18	AM Fitness
9:30 am	Youth Group
6:30 pm	

Check the digital sign in the Narthex for location of activities.

Please feel free to take a bulletin with you after Worship.

Worship Services

May 13: Mother's Day

May 20: Pentecost

May 27: Youth Service



Through our gifts we commit ourselves to live out the mission and ministry of the church. Please give generously to the Mission and Service Fund to make this possible.



St. Thomas is an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada. LGBTQ2 people are whole people and full members in this community of faith.

The United Church of Canada



St. Thomas is proud to be part of the United Church of Canada which ministers to close to 3 million people in 3,500 congregations across the country. (For more information about the United Church visit its website: www.united-church.ca)

Today's Service

Thanks to everyone who helped make this Worship service a reality.

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