



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

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, June 10, 2018

10:00 am

Theme: Right Relations

VU = Voices United

MV = More Voices

**Prelude:** *Kloria Wen*

**Welcome** to our Livestream Worship Service

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Introit:** *Morning Has Broken* (vv. 1&3) VU#409

**Christ Candle & Silence**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *Creator God You Gave Us Life*  
MV#27

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 & Isaiah 65:17-25

**Ministry of Music:** *The Adult Choir - “Dona Nobis Pacem”*; arr. by Hal Hopson

**Children's Time**

**The Message:** *“Right Relations with Bill Phipps”*

**Hymn:** *There Is Room for All* MV#62

**Minute for Mission:** *“Moving Forward in Our Intercultural Work”*

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

**Offertory:** *We Give You But Your Own* VU#542

**Offertory Prayer**

**Call to Prayer:** *Spirit, Open My Heart* (chorus only)  
MV#79

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

**Hymn:** *Go, Make a Difference* MV#209

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Please join us** for a special worship service on Sunday, **June 10**. Guest speaker will be former moderator Rev Bill Phipps, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the delivery of the apology from the United Church to Indigenous peoples, for our involvement in Residential Schools. Rev Phipps was the moderator when the apology was given. Please plan on staying for a Chilli & Bannock lunch served after the service. Rev Phipps will be available to continue the conversation!

**“Spring into Summer” Picnic:** Mark your calendar for Tuesday, **June 12** at 11 am. 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. We will be serving hot dogs, salads, beverages (water and coffee), and dessert. To defray costs, we are asking for a Toonie donation.

**St. Thomas is marking 30 years in our building!** We are celebrating on Sunday, **June 17**! There will be a 10 am Worship service, followed by a light lunch reception in the Mountainview Hall. You must sign the lime green posters in the Narthex so we know you are attending, and if you will be able to help out with the lunch: food donations, set-up, serving, and take-down. Thank you so much. Please try to attend and wear your name-tag! *St. Thomas 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.*



**Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped to set up and worked the day of the garage sale. A big thank you to all who brought in their treasures and also to everyone who bought something. We raised \$2296.75!

**Special Music for Summer Services:** The musical groups take a break over the summer. If you play an instrument or sing and would be interested in providing special music during a summer service, please contact Elaine Taylor-Kerr (403-239-8271) or the Church office. During the month of August when Kari is on vacation, you would need to provide your own accompanist.

**Neighbour Day: June 16 from 2-5 pm.** 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.

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

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

**Youth Leader Position:** We are looking for an additional person to add to our youth leader team. For more information or to apply, please contact Elaine Taylor-Kerr at [taylor-kerr@shaw.ca](mailto:taylor-kerr@shaw.ca) or 403-239-8271.

**Junior Youth Group Social Event:** Junior Youth Group is for grades 4 - 6 preteens. This month we are **inviting the grade 3's** to join in the fun! Junior Youth Group meets once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring their friends. The next Junior Youth Group is on Friday, **June 8** at 6:30. Volunteer leaders are Sam Abel, Evangeline Robertson, and Matthew Worton. All youth attending are requested to fill out a registration and waiver form the first time they attend during a school year. Forms are available on the website at <http://stthomasunited.ca/Junior-Youth-Group.aspx> or at the Church the night of the meeting.

**Junior Youth Sunday Morning:** On Sunday, **June 17** 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.

**The special offering** during the youth service on May 27 raised \$859 for United/ Presbyterian Campus Ministry for outreach to young adults at U of C, MRU, SAIT, and beyond. Thank you for your generous support of this important work.

**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 dinner is **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](http://www.campfYrefly.ca) to find out more.

**Bible study** is continuing on Thursday afternoons in the library from 1 pm until 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. We are reading the story of David.

**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 (7 pm and 8 pm) and the second Thursday afternoon (1 pm and 2:30 pm) of this month.

**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 9 am – 4 pm 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](mailto:office@stthomasunited.ca), or by filling out a communication card.

**Plan on attending the July 1 Canada Day service!**

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

**25th Anniversary Celebration!** The Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society is celebrating 25 years of service to families affected by family violence. They will be hosting a Traditional Pow Wow on Saturday **June 16** from 11 am to 6 pm at Enmax Park, Calgary Stampede grounds. Complimentary Bannock Taco, dessert, and beverage will be served.

**The Office This Summer:** Please note that I will be on holidays for the month of July and possibly the first week or two of August, so the office will be on reduced hours. Voice messages will be checked daily, and the mail will also be picked up. I hope everyone has a wonderful and peaceful summer! *See you in August, Sandra*

Rev. Justin will be on holidays June 25 through July 9, and then gone to General Council July 20-29. Rev. Tracy will be on holidays July 30 through August 26. Feel free to call or stop in during the summer. Please call ahead before coming to the office to make sure someone is around. Rev. Justin will be covering pastoral care while Tracy is off and can be reached at 587-736-0022. Rev. Tracy can be reached at 403-870-3930.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

	Community Time After Each Service
<b>Sunday, June 10</b>	
10:00 am	Worship
12:30	NW Cluster Meeting
<b>Monday, June 11</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
9:30 am	Pastoral Care Comm. Meeting
10:45 am	Moment of Peace
1:00 pm	Bridge
<b>Tuesday, June 12</b>	
10:30 am	Primetimers Picnic
4:15 pm	Karate
7:00 pm	Drum Circle
7:00 pm	B & P Comm. Meeting
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
7:00 pm	Youth Choir
<b>Thursday, June 14</b>	
9:00 am	Quilting For Others
1:00 pm	Bible Study
4:15 pm	Karate
5:45 pm	Sparks
6:00 pm	Strummers
7:15 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Friday, June 15</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
6:30 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Sewing Group

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

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

## Worship Services

**June 10: Right Relations (featuring Rev. Bill Phipps)**

**June 17: 30th Anniversary Sunday**

**June 24: Wind and Waves**



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](http://www.united-church.ca))

### Today's Service

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

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