



## 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 24, 2018

10:00 am

Theme: Wind and Waves

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

**Prelude:** *Kari Orosz*

**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:** *Will Your Anchor Hold* VU#675

**Scripture:** *Mark 4:35-41*

**Ministry of Music:** *Quartet - “Underneath the Stars” by Kate Rusby*

**Children's Time**

**The Message:** *“The Wind and the Waves”*

**Hymn:** *Deep in Our Hearts* MV#154

**Minute for Mission:** *“An Investment in the Future”*

**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:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* VU#232

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Primetimers:** Who doesn't love a hot dog in the park? On Tuesday, June 12, 37 people gathered at Bowness Park for an old-fashioned picnic. The wind blew in a fantastic, sunny day! Many thanks go out to Doug and Nicola Whitnack for their assistance in setting up, preparing the food (including delicious coleslaw), and cleaning up. Thanks to all who helped out. It was an event filled with laughter, great food, and time spent with friendly people. We send a big welcome to those people who attended this Primetimer's event for the first time.

**To all those VOLUNTEERS with the St. Thomas 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** To name the many, many helpers with this project would take up the whole bulletin! This note is focusing on the RECEPTION portion. Thank you many times over to all who contributed food, did set-up, helped in the kitchen organizing all the delicious food and beverages, circulated and minded the reception tables during the event, cleaned up, put away all the tables and chairs, and replaced the photographs in the album. Each of you brought positive energy, willingness, and fun to these tasks. It was a pleasure to work with you.

*The Reception Organizing Crew*

**Calgary Pride Parade 2018:** We're an Affirming Church and proud of it! Let's show our pride publicly by walking in the Pride Parade with other Affirming Churches - come join us! September 2, 2018 at 11 am - 1 pm. The signature Calgary Pride Parade is one of the most colourful celebrations of the year! This family friendly parade sees upwards of 60,000 spectators as over 150 entries from community groups, corporations, politicians, churches, and public services roll through the heart of downtown, and celebrates the tremendous diversity of Calgary's community. Parade begins at 350-6 Avenue SE and goes West along 6th Avenue, turning North on 6th Street, ending in Princes' Island where there await food trucks, entertainment, booths, and much more.

**If the annuals in our church garden** are to continue blooming all summer into September, they need to be deadheaded regularly. If you have a few minutes and a pair of scissors, please consider dropping by once in a while and trimming them. Thanks.

**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.

**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.

**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>.

**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.

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

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

**Needed - children's car booster seats** for preschool refugee children. Please check with friends whose children are about 8 years old to see if they have "graduated" from needing theirs. Remember to check the booster expiry date. If you have one to donate, please call Pat Shier at 403-208-6853 to arrange for her to pick it up.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.’

**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.

**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/>

**Right Relations Circle Meeting** at Hillhurst United Church: All are welcome to attend these monthly (except July & August) meetings from 7-9 pm. A guest speaker is usually featured and refreshments are served. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month; this month it’s on June 26. If you are at all interested in this subject, this is an excellent place to meet other like-minded people. Location: 1227 Kensington Close NW.

*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.*

Have an  
awesome  
Summer!



# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

|                           | Community Time After Each Service |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, June 24</b>    |                                   |
| 10:00 am                  | Worship                           |
| 11:00 am                  | Music Meeting                     |
| <b>Monday, June 25</b>    |                                   |
| 1:00 pm                   | Bridge                            |
| <b>Tuesday, June 26</b>   |                                   |
| 4:15 pm                   | Karate                            |
| <b>Wednesday, June 27</b> |                                   |
| <b>Thursday, June 28</b>  |                                   |
| 4:15 pm                   | Karate                            |
| 6:00 pm                   | Strummers                         |
| <b>Friday, June 29</b>    |                                   |
| 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 24: Wind and Waves**

**July 1: Canada Day**

**July 8: The Strummers Stampede Service**

**July 15: Amazing Grace**

**July 22: Stepping Out**

**July 29: Bread and Fish**



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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