



**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 begin 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, Caitlin Hornbeck

**Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:**  
Erin MacLean-Berko

**Office Email:** office@stthomasunited.ca

Sunday, September 9, 2018

10:00 am

Theme: Welcome Back Sunday

VU = Voices United

MV = More Voices

**Prelude:** *Kari Orosz* - “*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* with *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*”; arr. by D. Linda McKechnie

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service  
**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Introit:** *Come, Children, Join to Sing* (vv. 1&2)

VU#345

**Christ Candle & Silence**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*  
(Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain) VU#395

**Scripture:** *James 2:1-5 & 8-10*

**Ministry of Music:** *The Adult Choir - Tuimbe*

- by David Waggoner

**Children's Time:** *Backpack Blessing*

**The Message:** “*Hot Seat with Justin & Tracy*”

**Hymn:** *There Is Room for All* (2x)

MV#62

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

**Offertory:** *God of the Sparrow* (v.3)

VU#229

**Offertory Prayer**

**Call to Prayer:** *And When You Call for Me* (2x)

MV#96

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus** (*Wanda Veer*)

**Hymn:** *We Have This Ministry*

VU#510

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Junior Youth Sunday Morning:** On **Sunday, Sept 9** 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.

**Junior Youth Group Social Event:** Junior Youth Group is for grades 4 - 6 preteens. They meet once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring their friends. The next Junior Youth Group is on **Friday, Sept 21 at 6:30 pm**. 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.

**ADmazing Savings Book Fundraiser:** (Formerly called the Student Union Coupon Pack). For many years, the UCW has sold these coupon books and used the funds raised to support a number of initiatives. Now that the UCW has folded, the Youth Group is selling these books instead. Cost \$25. They contain coupons for Coop, M&M Meats, and many local attractions and restaurants. For this year only, there is a free app that allows you to download your coupons and use them from your phone. Books will be on sale Sunday mornings while quantities last or can be purchased through Sandra in the Office.

**Wednesday Night Book Club:** Our next meeting is Wed. Sept. 12 at 7 pm in the St. Thomas library. The book is 'Boat of Stone' by Maureen Earl, and Stephanie will be leading the discussion. You can download the book on Kindle or Kobo if you haven't been able to find a copy. If you are new to this group, come and check us out even if you haven't read the book!

**Welcome Back Knitters:** The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will commence meeting on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lounge. All are welcome to join in. Please direct any questions to: Sandra Burgess (403-701-3479).

**September Birthdays Party, Sunday September 30:** Birthdays need celebrations, and it's time St. Thomas acknowledged the folks --- all ages --- willing to tell us when their birthday is. Following the service, we will recognize all the September birthday boys and girls, and then serve cake. Hope to make this a monthly event. Watch the bulletin for details. I need a few cake bakers and cake servers. Please contact me at wandaveer47@gmail.com or 403-239-5964. Wanda Veer and the soon to be Birthday Party Committee. Sign up for the committee, space is limited.

**Primetimers: Coffee Tuesday, September 11,** 10 am. Ron and Diane French are hosting and Myrna Malanik has offered some treats. Many thanks to them. Anyone else who would like to contribute a treat, please call Diane. I'm sure the conversations will lean toward summer activities and fall plans.

**Northminster United Church Turkey Dinner:** We have made arrangements to attend the Northminster United Church Turkey Dinner, 3311 Centre Street North. Plan to attend Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Tickets cost \$16 for seniors and \$20 for adults. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the poster in the Narthex . Deadline for signing up and payment (cash or cheque made out to Jan Campbell) will be Friday, September 21. Diane French will accept your payment/cheque at the September Coffee Party. After that, Sandra in the office can accept your payments until September 21. We are looking forward to this event, because, who doesn't love sharing a turkey dinner which you don't have to cook?!"

**Healing Touch** will be offered in the Sanctuary by appointment on the first Tuesday evening (7 pm and 8 pm) of each month.

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

**Dates to Remember:** \* Youth Choir-Sept. 5, \* AM Fitness-Sept. 5, \* Children's Choir-Sept. 6, Strummers-Sept. 6, Adult Choir-Sept. 6, \* Youth Group-Sept. 7, \* Adult Choir Advance-Sept. 8, ,\* Welcome Back to Church Sunday-Sept. 9, \* Sunday School Registration & Blessing of the Backpacks-Sept. 9, \* Orchestra-Sept. 10,\* Primetimers, Sept. 11,\* Prayer Shawl Knitting-Sept. 12,\* Quilting for Others-Sept. 13,\* Tuesday's Grace Quilters-Sept. 18, ,\* Jr. Youth Group-Sept. 21,\*Drum Circle-Oct. 9.

**Hot Seat Sunday, Sept. 9:** Have you ever had a burning question about life, faith, God, the Bible, or what we do at church? Now is the time to ask your questions and hear Tracy and Justin's take on the answers! We can't promise to know or have the answers but this is the chance to ask your questions and see where the conversation takes us next. Please join us as we explore the burning questions of our community.

**Sunday, September 9 is Welcome Back to Church day!** Immediately following the service, the MOST group will be hosting a BBQ in the Mountainview Hall and upper parking lot to welcome everyone back after summer holidays. Please come and join us for some burgers, and dogs, and good times!

**Office Hours:** Regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30-3:30, Fridays 8:30-12:30.

**Please Note:** We do Livestream most Worship Services. Here is the link with info: [https://youtu.be/wel\\_ZSaZpdU](https://youtu.be/wel_ZSaZpdU).

**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 until mid-Oct. You may also choose to go there simply to relax. For further information, check out <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/programs/>

**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.

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**WELCOME BACK!!**



# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	<b>Community Time After Each Service</b>
10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday, September 10</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
1:00 pm	Bridge
7:00 pm	Orchestra
7:00 pm	M & O Comm. Meeting
<b>Tuesday, September 11</b>	
10:00 am	Primetimers
4:15 pm	Karate
6:30 pm	Pathfinders
7:00 pm	B & P Comm. Meeting
7:00 pm	Guide Leader Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 12</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
10:30 am	Cooking with Friends
1:00 pm	Open Art Studio
1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting
6:15 pm	Sparks/Brownies
7:00 pm	Youth Choir
7:00 pm	Wed. Night Book Club
7:00 pm	Cool Choir
<b>Thursday, September 13</b>	
9:00 am	Quilting for Others
4:15 pm	Karate
6:00 pm	Strummers
6:00 pm	Children's Choir
7:15 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Friday, September 14</b>	
9:30 am	AM Fitness
6:30 pm	Youth Group

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

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

Today's Service

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

## Worship Services

**September 9: Welcome Back**

**September 16: UCW Sunday**

**September 23: First & Last**

**September 30: Loving Our Neighbour —**

**Living Thankfully Day by Day**



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))

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