



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

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Sunday, October 9, 2016, 10:00am

Theme: Living Thankfully Day by Day - Thanksgiving

✠ indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Thanksgiving Theme – by Vince Guaraldi*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

I would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 land. To further demonstrate our commitment to work together as a faith community in laying the foundation for and living out true reconciliation, we need to be intentional and mindfully acknowledge the land where we gather and the first peoples who traditionally lived here. It's meant to show respect for them, their contributions, and their ways of knowing, which are reflected through the stories and songs that have lived on this land for thousands of years. We give thanks for the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations and all people who make their homes in this, our Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

WELCOME, SPIRIT LINES, GREETING ONE ANOTHER

(Please feel free to move around)

INTROIT: *This Is the Day (2Times-Projected)*

MV#122

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive - Projected)*

Sell all you have, and distribute the proceeds!

To whom? To our friends? To our neighbours?

Distribute the proceeds! Without Question! Without Condition!

Hmm, sounds less fun. Why can't I choose who gets it?

Distribute to those who are beloved of God, the ones who bring out the God-flavour and the God-colours in the world!

Ohhh, I get it. This is a church thing.

Loving those whom God loved, sharing with those whom we call brothers and sisters.

And your hearts will be glad and generous,
and we will praise God!

OPENING PRAYER: *(Sung - Projected)*

Loving God, may this time be your glory.

Loving God, may this time be our growth.

Loving God, be with us here in this moment for it is when we need you most.

Loving God, bring your blessing to this worship.

Open Hands, Open Hearts, Open Minds.

Infuse us now with your light and love.

Make us one so we are whole.

✠HYMN: *For the Fruit of All Creation (Projected)*

VU#227

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 2:44-47 and Matthew 5:13-16a (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: Melinda-Rae Lyse

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – For the Autumn Sky*

– by Schram

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

THE MESSAGE: *Blessedness*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *Come, You Thankful People, Come (Projected)*

VU#516

MINUTE FOR STUC: *Stewardship Team – “Salt and Light”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, PAR, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

†OFFERTORY: *What Can I Do? (Projected)*

MV#191

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison, Projected)*

We want the world to be blessed with these gifts, as with our lives. May these gifts of money touch the world in such a way that transformation may come and may our lives be touched so that we, too, are transformed. Thank you God! Amen

CALL TO PRAYER: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered (Projected)*

MV#14

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: *(Unison)*

We go, with hearts that are glad and generous.

We go, with lives that have been touched and are full.

We go to be salt-flavouring and light-bearing, allowing the God-colours and the God-flavours to be seen and tasted.

†HYMN: *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving (Projected)*

MV#185

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Adult Choir, Erin MacLean-Berko, Greg Hyatt, Kristin Raugust, Pat & Stu Robbins, Diane Paley, Kirsten Carr, Heather Robertson, Mark Wagner, Cathy Rivard, Betty Thompson, Melinda-Rae Lyse.