



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

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Sunday, January 15, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Big Call

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz: I Have Called You by Your Name*
 – by *Daniel Charles Damon*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING ONE ANOTHER

(Wicker Prayer Basket will be sent around – if you have a prayer, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place your prayer in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along)

INTROIT: *I Am the Light of the World (v.1)*

VU#87

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We wait patiently for our God.

We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

We will not chase after other gods.

We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.

We will tell of all God has done for us.

We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir – There Is Peace*
– by Jim Papoulis

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

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

†HYMN: *There's a Spirit in the Air*

VU#582

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7(NRSV)

Scripture Reader: Jo-Anne Hyatt

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: **thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers – Hope for One and All*

- by David Mallett

THE MESSAGE: *Feeling Vulnerable? Answer God's Call Anyway!*

†HYMN: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

VU#509

MINUTE FOR ST. THOMAS: *Faith Formation*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *We Give You But Your Own (Projected)*

VU#542

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison, Projected)*

As we offer our gifts to you, calling God, remind us that we are invited to not only come and see the brokenness of our world, those who are hungry and homeless, lonely and grieving, but to join you in that ministry of offering strength, hope, and healing to all your children. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Bathe Me in Your Light (v.1) (Projected)* **MV#82**

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS (*Unison, Projected*)

‡COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: (*Responsive, Projected*)

We could wait here for God to warm us with stories of love and hope,
but we will go to be with those in the bleak midwinter of their lives.

We could wait in the security of this sacred space for Jesus,
but we will go to see where he wants us to serve in faith.

We could wait in stillness with the Spirit,
but we will go to light a way for all those hidden in the shadows of life.

HYMN: *Take Up His Song*

MV#213

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Youth Choir, The Strummers, Erin MacLean-Berko, Jeff McLean, Don Mills, David Gray, Drina Nixon, Jennifer & Steven Abar, Cathy Rivard, Kirsten Carr, Mark Wagner, Jillian Sanderson, Jo-Anne Hyatt.