



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

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Sunday, February 12, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Heart-Felt

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz: In a Sentimental Mood*
– by Duke Ellington, Irving Mills, and Manny Kurtz

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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 – *(Isabella Dressler)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

We could have stayed in bed; we could be at a café eating breakfast.

We have chosen to be in this place, feasting on God's words.

We could give a cold shoulder to our neighbours; we could stay in reading the newspapers.

We have chosen to see God with more than just a sliver of our hearts.

We could be chasing after the world's idols; we could be listening to television's talking heads.

We have chosen to serve the One who blesses us with life.

Come, then, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Children's Choir: Seek Ye First*
– by Karen Lafferty Descant Soloist - Jillian Sanderson

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

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37 (38-48) (NRSV)*
Scripture Reader: George Ziroll

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

†HYMN: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (tune VU#540)*

VU#271

THE MESSAGE: *Integrity and Reconciliation*

†HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

VU#266

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Hope for Syrian Refugees*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *We Give You But Your Own*

VU#542

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison)*

**Too often, we say “no” to those around us, so may our gifts be
the “yes” others need to hear, as we recognize that hunger is**

all too real, pain brings people to their knees, loneliness embraces with despair, yet there is trust that your grace, hope, and peace will be shared through us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Bathe Me in Your Light (v.1)*

MV#82

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

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (**Responsive**)

As we leave this place, let us go to say “Yes” to all that gives value to everyone.

We will say “No!” to injustice and hate.

Let us go to mend broken relationships and to heal shattered hearts.

We go with hearts opened for reconciliation.

Let us go, choosing life in all its fullness, as well as its struggles and heartache.

We will let our hearts be guided by the compassion and grace of our God.

HYMN: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV#144

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Children's Choir, Mark Wagner, John McCrea, Mark Powell, Stacey Schrottner, Isabella Dressler, George Ziroff, Erin MacLean-Berko, Cathy Rivard, Andrew Taylor-Kerr, Diane & John Latter.