



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

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**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Seeing with Heart**

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

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

**We Gather With**

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz: What Wondrous Love Is This*  
– arr. by Larry Shackley

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: *God of the Bible (v.1 + chorus)*

**MV#28**

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE – *(Hilda MacDonald)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

As long as Christ is in the world,

**Christ is the Light of the World.**

As long as Christ is in us,

**the Love of the World is in us.**

As long as Christ calls us to love one another,

**we are called to share the light and love with the world.**

Come, shine your light, share your love,

**and by the light of Christ, we will see a new way. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

God of our turning world, our revolving Earth, our spinning galaxy: help us to know that everything is constantly changing, and we must change. Help us to change our minds from old stuck-in-the-mud ways of thinking. Open us up to your love and wonder of creation, and your love for all your children. Help us to build bridges instead of walls, to make ways in the wilderness, and to call forth all who have been left out, for you are creating a beloved community. May we resolve to be part of your beloved community and to change our minds to align with yours. In the name of Christ, who calls us to follow, we pray. Amen.

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

†HYMN: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

**VU#619**

SCRIPTURE: *John 9:1-41(NRSV)*

*Scripture Reader: Joanne Larison*

***Affirmation:***

One: This is the witness of The Church,

**Many: thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – “Irish Lullaby”*

*– by Stephen Bulla*

THE MESSAGE

†HYMN: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**VU#371**

MINUTE FOR ST. THOMAS: *David Blackadar - The Building & Property Committee*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra* – “All Through the Night”  
– Traditional Welsh melody

✠OFFERTORY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**VU#541**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)  
**Amazing God, as much as we might want to close our eyes,  
we still see the need for your love and justice in our world.  
We give thanks for the vision of your beloved community and  
commit ourselves to sharing your hope and grace with  
everyone we meet. Bless our offerings and our lives. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Love Us into Fullness* **MV#81**

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

✠COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (*Responsive*)  
Go into the world and see the potential in everything.  
**We will go, with hearts full and eyes open!**  
As you are sent, may the healing love of God wash over you.  
**We will go, with hearts full and eyes open!**  
Let the whole world be restored to wholeness.  
**We will go, with hearts full and eyes open!**

HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West* **VU#606**

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Erin Klassen,  
Kari Orosz, The Orchestra, Hal Tonkin, Ryan Sanderson,  
John McCrea, Nancy Rehder, Jennifer & Steven Abar,  
Hilda MacDonald, Joanne Larison, Matt Taylor-Kerr, Mark Wagner,  
Maxine Mendritizki, Cathy Rivard, David Blackadar.

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