



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

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Sunday, April 30, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Whimsical Ministry Swap!

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – The Throne Room – by John Williams*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A 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: *This Is the Day*

MV#122

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: Karen Kotkas

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

This morning, come into God's house.

Yahweh delights in our faithfulness and desire to be in relationship with God and each other.

We bring our whole selves into the presence of God's Holy Spirit;

God meets us here as we worship together and is with us at all times.

We bring our cares, concerns, worries, and doubts. We come feeling unworthy of God's wonderful grace.

We are worthy and loved by God. Let us sing and give praise for the love and acceptance we share in God's sight, in our time of worship here today and every day of our lives.

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers: Because He Lives – by William and Gloria Gaither*

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Wondrous God,

you reach out with compassion and protect us tenderly.

In deep gratitude, we offer this prayer.

Your gentle love sustains and nurtures us, enabling us to support others.

May we listen attentively, care responsively, and guide wisely.

Help us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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✠HYMN: *Let Us Build a House*

MV#1

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:17, Jeremiah 22:13-17

Scripture Reader: Eldean O'Hearn

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir: "How Great Thou Art" – by Stuart K. Hine & Joel Raney*

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

THE MESSAGE: *Rev. Vicki McPhee (Symons Valley United Church)*

✠HYMN: *Though Ancient Walls*

VU#691

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Camp Caterpillar*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS
with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers: The Place Where I
Worship – by Al Goodhart and Florence Tarr (sung by the Sons of
the pioneers)*

†OFFERTORY: *Grateful (chorus only)*

MV#182

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Guiding One,

**we know the great gift of a new world view that opens up when
we pass through the gate that is Christ Jesus. However, we
realize it cannot be found on one's own but requires the
support of a loving community. It is also difficult to search for
it when one is struggling with poverty, oppression, or illness.
May these offerings make it easier for more people to devote
their lives to heeding your call. Amen.**

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CALL TO PRAYER: *Now the Green Blade Rises (v1)*

VU#186

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

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (*Responsive*)

And now into God's world we go,
to continue our walk with Christ
in all the places life calls us to be.

Let us go with joy

for God calls us to share God's work.

Let us go with purpose

**for God equips us for the work
to which we are called.**

Let us go with hope

**for God will show us the places
we are most needed.**

And, in the words of John Wesley, let us remember:

Best of all, God is with us.

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BLESSING (Leader)

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness

and give you peace

this day and forever more.

Amen.

HYMN: *I Saw the Rich Ones*

MV#127

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Vicki McPhee, Kari Orosz, The Adult Choir, The Strummers, Greg Hyatt, John Robertson, Andrea Sonpal, Nancy Rehder, Diane & John Latter, Karen Kotkas, Eldean O'Hearn, Lori Weller, Kristin Raugust, Brittney Whittaker.