



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

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Sunday, June 18, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Compassion

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – This Is My Father's World – English Traditional*

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: *River Running in You and Me (vv 1,7)*

MV#163

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

We come with thanksgiving for our every breath, the warmth of the sun, and the sustaining waters.

For the life all around us: the plants, soft grasses, and sheltering trees.

For the ones that crawl, those that swim, and those that fly.

For the four-legged and the two-legged; all our relations!

We celebrate the diversity in creation as reflected in the four winds from four directions.

We especially honour the many peoples with their many gifts for understanding our shared life on the earth.

We strive to live out the seven sacred teachings: Respect, Love, Honesty, Courage, Humility, Wisdom, and Truth.

May these teachings enable us to live in harmony with ourselves, with our neighbours, and with all the created earth.

Stan McKay

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison)*

Abba, Daddy, Loving Parent, Holy Creator;

Thanks for inviting us, welcoming us, loving us. We open our arms for your embrace. We open our hearts for your love. We open our minds for your instruction. We open our lives for your presence. We come to laugh, to sing, to love, to build ever-deeper relationships with you. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson UC, Burlington, ON

✠HYMN: *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

MV#212

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir: May the Road Rise to Meet You - by Lori True*

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

THE MESSAGE: *Paths to Reconciliation*

Elaine Gray & Anett Chicomny-Pon

✠HYMN: *Go Forth for God*

VU#418

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Minute for Reconciliation*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS
with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *What Does the Lord Require of You* **VU#701**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

God, our Father and our Mother, we offer you these gifts today with love. They're not ties; they're not electric drills, or ride-on mowers, or any typical Father's Day gifts. But we think you'll like them. These gifts are our time, our talents, our hearts of faith, and our hard-earned money, too. These gifts are for the things you love: your people, your church, your world. Bless them, please, and see that they get used for good purposes. Amen.

Kate Gregory, Belwood-Metz PC, Belwood, ON

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre (v.1)* **VU#374**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (*Responsive*)

Go out into the world this Father's Day with eyes open to seeing the many wonderful father-figures in our lives.

We go out recognizing those men in our lives who care for us and love us.

Whether they're blood relations or not, may we acknowledge these outstanding men with open hands, open hearts, and open minds.

As we journey from this space, may our hearts be filled with joy as we are strengthened by the love of God through those wonderful father-figures all around us.

HYMN: *Go, Make a Difference* **MV#209**

POSTLUDE

We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's worship service a reality.