



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

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Sunday, September 17, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Zambia

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – If We Hold On Together – by James Horner and Will Jennings*

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: *And on This Path*

MV#8

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE - *Candle Lighter: Kim-Fine Family*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

God is Good!

All the time!

All the time!

God is Good!

It is good to be here!

It is wonderful to be here!

It is wonderful to be here!

It is good to be here!

OPENING PRAYER: *(Amanda Sherwin)*

CHILDREN'S TIME: *(Amanda Sherwin)*

✠HYMN: *Like a Rock*

MV#92

PRAYER SHAWL AND QUILT BLESSING:

- Adapted from Bethany United Church

We give great thanks for those gifted individuals who create our prayer shawls and quilts.

We thank God for all of you and for the joy, peace, and grace your creations bring into our lives. We ask for God's blessing upon each and every one of you.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawl Knitters and Quilters:

May God touch your hands with love and compassion.

May the joy of Jesus guide your ministries.

May the Spirit be present with you as prayers and well wishes are woven and sewn into each of your creations. Amen.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Quilts:

May God's grace be upon these shawls and quilts....warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing. May these mantles be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being. May they be sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May those who receive these shawls and quilts be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: *Micah 6:8*

Reader: Zambia Team

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – Glory Land Hallelu*

– by Schram

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

THE MESSAGE: *Zambia Team*

†HYMN: *Over My Head*

MV#88

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Zambia Donations*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS – with our Offerings & Prayers.
Andrew Nicholson performing his new song “Upon My Heart” -

†OFFERTORY: *Open Our Hearts (2x)*

MV#21

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

For the many blessings that were received in Zambia, we celebrate today and give you great thanks, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *We Are Pilgrims (v.1)*

VU#595

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (*Responsive*)

Creator, we pray for the safety of our new friends and our old friends.

We pray for the people who made today happen

and for the continued health and safety of all.

May your presence be with us as we leave this place.

HYMN: *Praise the Mother – by Revolve*

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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