



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

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Sunday, October 15, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Stewardship Sunday

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Brother James’ Air”*

– arr. by Larry Shackley

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 request, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place it in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.

INTROIT: “*We Sing Thanksgiving*” - by Uhryniw/Gray

(refrain sung 2x)

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE: *Candle Lighter* - Keith Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

As we gather, we give thanks.

**We give thanks for the gift of God’s grace,
that enables generosity of spirit and the fruits of creation.**

As we gather, we give thanks.

**We give thanks that we are a part of that creation,
stewards of creation, and of the church.**

As we gather, we give thanks

for the invitation to be a part of something larger than ourselves, that through our actions and gratitude we might make a lasting impact on the lives of others, the community around us, and world as a whole. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Gracious and loving God, in a world where we are taught to hoard and hold back, we come seeking to be generous people. In this time of worship, ease our anxiety, satisfy our deepest needs, bring us peace, and renew our spirits. May the experience of your grace touch us so that our hearts will open in thankfulness, we pray.
Amen.

†HYMN: *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours*

MV#171

SCRIPTURE: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Reader: Daphne Matthews

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – On Angel Wings*

– Ed Huckeby

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

THE MESSAGE: *Stewardship Skit – “Family Feud @ STUC”*

†HYMN: *What Can I Do?*

MV#191

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: *Sierra Vongrad*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Canonbury – Robert Schumann*

†OFFERTORY: *For the Beauty of the Earth (v.1)*
(sung to the tune of VU#81)

VU#226

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Out of the fruits of our lives, we offer these and all our gifts to the mission and ministry of our faith community. Take them, bless them, and multiply them, that through these gifts the world might know your love, O God. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *For the Fruit of All Creation (vv 1&2)* **VU#227**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Responsive*)

Grateful for God's loving action,

we cannot keep from singing.

Go now with grateful hearts.

We go in peace to love and serve God with all our gifts. Amen.

HYMN: *I Have Called You by Your Name*

MV#161

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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