



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

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**Sunday, October 29, 2017, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Mission & Service**

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

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

**We Gather With**

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Thriller” – arr. by Imogen Heap*

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 – Myrna Malanik*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of all of us has declared, “Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, I will not leave you.”

**The promises of God are true. The story of God is love. The love of God is for all people.**

Surely God is in this place, just as God has promised.

**With grateful hearts, we come to worship and praise you, God of love.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

†HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

**VU#343**

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 20:1-16*

*Reader: Harold Black*

One: This is the witness of The Church,

**Many: thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers – “These Hands”*

*– by Dave Gunning & George Canyon*

CHILDREN’S TIME: *Time of Sharing*

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

THE MESSAGE: *Defying Logic*

†HYMN: *Come to My Heart*

**VU#661**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: *Melinda-Rae Lyse*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers – “Today I’m Gonna Try and Change the World” – by Johnny Reid*

†OFFERTORY: *For the Beauty of the Earth (v.1)*

**VU#226**

*sung to the tune of VU#81*

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison)*

**With glad and generous hearts we offer the gifts of our labour, our time, and our talent to you, loving God. May that which we**

**share be transformed by your love so that all might have their daily bread and all may have abundant life. Amen**

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

**VU#227**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: **(Responsive)**

Know that God is with you and will keep you wherever you go, just as God has promised.

**May the love of God enfold us, the compassion of Christ surround us, and the Holy Spirit empower us.**

✠HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**VU#481**

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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