



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

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Sunday, November 5, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: Gratitude 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 – “When I Survey with Air”*
– by Bach; arr. McKechnie

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*
– Richard Taylor-Kerr

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Give thanks to God, for God is good;
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Who alone does great wonders,
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Who by understanding made the heavens,
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Who spread out the earth on the waters,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to God, for God is good,
and together we will sing praise forever.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Holy God, in your greatness you have inspired us for generations to work for a world made whole in your image. Through the generations you have walked with us, propping us up when we were in need and laughing with us in our joy. Inspire us once more to celebrate your place in our lives, your grace in our presence, and your vitality in our future. We pray, now and always, amen.

†HYMN: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

MV#30

SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 28:10-22*

Reader: Cathy Rivard

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – "10,000 Reasons"*
- by Myrin/Redman; arr. Larson

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Dennis Watson*

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

THE MESSAGE:

†HYMN: *God of the Sparrow*

VU#229

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: *Marj Aucoin*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS
with our Offerings & Prayers.

†OFFERTORY: *God of All Good (v. 1)* **VU#539**
(sung to the tune of *Abide with Me VU#436*)

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: (**Unison**)
Holy God, as Jacob poured out the oil in your presence so too we pour out a portion of who we are and what you have given us. Take these gifts so that they might be used to create a lasting future for your work, in this your community, the world over. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come Touch Our Hearts* **MV#12**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (**Responsive**)
Go to the world in the gratitude for the faith we have all inherited,
shaping and reshaping the future we will pass on.
As you go, may the Grace of God, the Peace of Christ, and the
Wisdom of the Holy Spirit go with you always.
Amen.

†HYMN: *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving* **MV#185**

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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