



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

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**Sunday, November 19, 2017, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Investing What Is Offered**

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

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

**We Gather With**

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Misty Mountains” – arr. by Kyle Landry*

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: *Let Us Build a House (v.1)*

**MV#1**

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE: *Candle Lighter*

*– Betty Ann Murray*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Children’s Choir – Bashana Habaha*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

As dry land thirsts for water.

As budding plants reach for the sun.

As dying leaves fall to the earth.

**Our longing souls call us to worship.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

†HYMN: *Bathe Me in Your Light*

**MV#82**

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 25:14-30*

*Reader: Carrie-Faye Wong*

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – The Sun Just Touched the Morning – by Patrick J. Burns*

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

THE MESSAGE: *A Strange Game. The Only Winning Move Is Not To Play.*

†HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vv. 1-3)*

**VU#264**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *UCW Works to End Child Poverty*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – Children's Prayer  
– by Engelbert Humperdinck*

†OFFERTORY: *God of All Good (v.1)*

**VU#539**

*(sung to the tune of Abide with Me VU#436)*

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**We give thanks for this community and for the responsibility of being your people.**

**As a community, we want to help support and encourage each other so that we can share all of our gifts for, and to, your**

**ministry. Bless these gifts, both seen and unseen, that they might be a blessing to others. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come Touch Our Hearts* (vv. 2&4) **MV#12**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: **(Responsive)**

What gift do you need help sharing?

**And how will this gift add hope to the world?**

Go, for the world is waiting and is in desperate need of what only you can offer.

**We go, knowing there is no need to be afraid, for we are never alone.**

†HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West* **VU#606**

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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