



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

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Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:00am
Theme: God Walks Among Us

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Abide With Me” with “Chopin’s Etude, Op. 10, No. 3” – arr. Marilyn Ham*

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 – Hope Cochran*

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come worship God with gladness.

Come celebrate God’s presence with a song.

Rejoice, God is our creator.

We are God’s people, the sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Come worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

God, you have called us from the busyness of our lives

to gather with you and each other.
In your presence may the hungry
be fed by your spirit, may the tired find rest in your sanctuary,
may the lost find direction in your teachings,
may the injured find healing in your love,
and may the boastful find humility in your gospel. Amen.

✠HYMN: *Who Is My Mother*

MV#178

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Baptism*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP
– *Cooper Brown, son of Erin McIlveen & Tyler Brown; and Daria King, daughter of Carma Ainsworth and Jonathan King*
Transfer of Membership: Elizabeth Morton, Linda Bouchard

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir – “The Lord’s Prayer”*
– *by Arnold Strals*

SCRIPTURE: *Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24*

Reader: Jennifer Abar

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir- “Waiting” from “Night of the Father’s Love” by Pepper Choplin*

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

THE MESSAGE

✠HYMN: *We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

VU#595

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Training Birth Attendants*

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**)
God, your kin-dom is justice and peace and love; may these gifts help to bring about your coming glory. Amen.

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

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: (**Responsive**)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with us on the road.

**May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out our hands to serve.**

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open our hearts to love.

**May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet,
and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

†HYMN: *When I Needed a Neighbour* **VU#600**

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

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