



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

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Sunday, July 8, 2018, 10:00 am
Theme: Brush Away the Dust

MV = More Voices **VU** = Voices United **Bold** indicates participation by the people

PRELUDE: “*Cow-Town Blues*” by Kurt Reichel & Bill Cropper;
“*Summer Ranges*” by Michael Martin Murphey

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND: *The Strummers*

INTROIT: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU#395

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: *The Strummers*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

This is God’s house

There are no entry fees or dress codes

No restriction on age or height

No capability test, no exclusion zone

No right way to come

This is a place where we can kick off our boots and settle in

Here we find shelter, whatever the weather

Here we’re family, whoever we are

Here we’re home, wherever we’ve been

Here in God’s house, God’s grace is all we need

Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Sometimes when we’re out wranglin’ life, we get weighed

down with the dust and dirt of things holding us back from

your grace. Cleansing God, brush us clean and help us step into life restored and renewed. Amen

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READING: *“Out in the Fields with God”*

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

ANTHEM: *“Alberta Wind” by John Robertson*

HYMN: *“Church in the Wildwood ” by Dr. William S. Pitts*

READING: *“Dirt Roads” by Paul Harvey*

ANTHEM: *“The Dirt Road” by Mark Miller & Gregg Hubbard*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 6:6b-13*

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: *Rev. Tracy*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS: *The Strummers*

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

ANTHEM: *“God on the Mountain” by Tracy Dartt*

OFFERTORY HYMN: *For the Gift of Creation*

VU#538

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison)*

Gracious God, with your guidance in word and through spirit, these our gifts, as well as the gifts of ourselves, are put to work to spread goodness, justice, and the message that all are loved and embraced by you. Amen.

HYMN: *It Is No Secret” by Stuart Hamblen*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU#959

READING:

"Cowboy Blessing" – Annie Slade

May the rains fall on your pastures

And the grass grow belly high.

May your calves get fat and sassy

And none of your cows be dry.

May your horses be sure-footed

And blessed with good cow-sense!

May your neighbours lend a hand

When it's time to fix the fence.

May the sun shine on your crops

When you harvest in the fall.

May your handshake be considered

Your word by one and all.

When your life is filled with laughter

Or when it's sad and grey,

May those you love be with you

To share each blessed day.

"Ten Cowboy Truths"

10. Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.

9. Don't corner something meaner than you.

8. It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

7. You can't unsay a cruel thing.

6. Every path has some puddles.

5. When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

4. There are 2 theories about arguing with women – neither one works.

3. Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

2. Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how will you bounce.

1. Finally, never kick a fresh cow pie on a hot day.

COMMISSIONING: (*Responsive*)

Go out from here being generous with yourselves and with others when things go awry.

We go knowing we're dusted off, cleansed, and polished.

Go into the world gleaming anew with the kindness of God.

We are ready to love and serve.

BENEDICTION: *"Happy Trails" by Dale Evans-Rogers*

Happy trails to you until we meet again.

Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.

Who cares about the clouds when we're together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails, till we meet again.

Some trails are happy ones,

Others are blue.

It's the way you ride the trail that counts,

Here's a happy one for you.

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.

Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.

Who cares about the clouds when we're together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you, till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: *"Til the Circle Is Through" by Ian Tyson;*

"Alberta's Child" by Ian Tyson

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

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Mountainview Hall for a pancake breakfast!