



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

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Sunday, October 7, 10:00 am
Theme: Loving Our Neighbour
Mission & Service

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Thanksgiving Theme” – Vince Guaraldi*

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 AND REGION 3 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: *Come, Children, Join to Sing (vv. 1&2)*

VU#345

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: Diane French

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

God’s word isn’t just for our eyes or ears,

it is also for our hearts and our lives.

Not just for us,

but for all people.

In our world and in our lives,

may God’s word be lived out.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

God, we gather as your people that all may be one. We pray in the hope that your love may be known throughout your world and we gather to be your hands outstretched. Be with us as we gather, that through our words, our actions, our prayers, and our praises, your love may shine in our lives. Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN: *Draw the Circle Wide*

MV#145

SCRIPTURE: *John 17:6-18*

Reader: Gladys Marshall

One: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – “A Celtic Song of Thanks”
– Diane Hannibal; arr. Douglas Nolan*

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

THE MESSAGE: *“Sent Into the World”*

✠HYMN: *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours*

MV#171

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: *Hope Cochran*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

✠OFFERTORY: *“We Sing Thanksgiving” (chorus only 2x)*

- Don Uhryniw and Arlene Gray

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (*Unison*)

No matter who we are, we offer you what we are able, that through these gifts and by your blessing, we might create a world in your image, O God. With open hands, open hearts, and open minds may these gifts be a blessing to all people. Amen.

✠CALL TO PRAYER: *And When You Call for Me (2x)* **MV#96**

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS (Leader)

WORLD COMMUNION

✠HYMN: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* **VU#575**

COMMISSIONING: **(Responsive)**

Through the mission and the service of God's church,
may we know the call we have in the world.

A call to commit ourselves and others,
**to create peace, call for justice, and work for love,
now and always. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

World Communion Liturgy for Sunday, October 7th, 2018
*based on prayers written by Matt Gaventa, Pastor of Amherst
Presbyterian Church in Amherst, Virginia.*

Invitation

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. This is not the table of the United Church though we are united at it. This is not the table of St. Thomas though we are all welcome at it. This is God's table, for all of us, a table where we each may find what we need and more.

So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, and you are called home. Come, let us share this meal and in this time together.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Act of Remembrance

Even when we were dust, when our first story began, you were there, your word was there, your presence hovering over the void and chaos. And from your Word all creation sprang into life.

Your creation sprang from the first corners of creation to the endless variety of the world. You created us to know you, to see your splendour, yet we easily turn away. We turn to what we know, to the comfort of the familiar, forgetting where we have come from, what breadth exists within your people. Remind us, O God, of who we are, whose we are, and the fullness of who you have created us to be.

Holy God you create in us from the beginning, your image on each heart, your imagination within each soul, your hope within each life, and your vision within each mind. Help us to see you in the face of another; in the face of each other. In the face of the one who you sent to show us the way.

In the life of Jesus you made known your love for us and your will for this world. As we gather at this table, we remember the life, the teachings, the example, and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Breaking of the Bread

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with those closest to him, uniting them as one. He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have thanked you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Whenever you feast together, remember me."

Pouring of the Cup

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying to all: "Drink. This cup is the promise of God and a new covenant for all. Whenever you drink this, remember me."

Words of Institution

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts, that through the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, we may retell our common stories, reshape our common bonds, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of all your people. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today.

By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come.

By this shared cup may we each be inspired by your love for the whole of the world.

And at this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, sent boldly into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.