



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

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Sunday, October 14, 10:00 am
Theme: Loving Our Neighbour
Living Our Mission Locally

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*
– Thomas Chisholm

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: Rhoen Berko

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

The beginning of a line is a single point.

The beginning of a library is just one book.

The beginning of a journey is a single step.

The beginning of a flood is one drop of water.

The beginning of God's place among us,

is in each decision we make and each time we gather. Amen.

(adapted from material from *Loving Our Neighbour*)

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

God's love is made known each time we reach out to those around us, feeding those who are hungry and clothing those in need. In reaching out to those we know by name and to the stranger alike, we become the hands and feet of God. In our time together may we be like Christ's arms outstretched in love. Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

MV#79

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Reader: *Elaine Gray*

One: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Children's Choir – "Called by Earth and Sky" – Pat Mayberry*

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

THE MESSAGE

✠HYMN: *When I Needed a Neighbour*

VU#600

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: *Erin MacLean-Berko*

– Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids

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*)

Through these gifts of love may we be healers in a world of pain, friends in a world of loneliness, and voices crying out in the wilderness. By who we are and what we do may the love of God be known in the world. Amen.

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

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS (Leader)

†HYMN: *Let Us Build a House* **MV#1**

COMMISSIONING: (*Responsive*)

We go from this place knowing we are called,
to feed the hungry, love the lonely, and free the captive.
We go from the place knowing we are called,
not to do it alone, but together as community. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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