



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

Welcome to Worship!

St. Thomas United is an open, affirming, accepting, and child friendly faith community. With children present we expect noise and movement, so there's no need to leave the Sanctuary when it happens. If parents feel more comfortable with their children in nursery care, we have a nursery for babies & children under 3 years of age – just follow the posted signs.

We hope that your worship experience will feed you and challenge you on your faith journey.

Please talk to a greeter or the folks wearing an "Ask Me" badge if there's anything you are unsure of or have a question about.

There are Hearing Assistance Sets available. Ask a greeter or Ask Me person to get one.

We project everything you will need to participate in worship. You will also find hymnbooks in your seats if you'd prefer to use them.

Newcomers – please fill out one of our Communication Cards. This is our first opportunity to be in touch with you so that we can begin to get to know one another.

Ministers: Rev. Tracy Robertson,
Rev. Justin McNeill

Office Administrator: Halyna Kinasevych

Music Team: Pam Bazinet, Barb Robertson,
Dick Worton, Erin MacLean-Berko

Accompanists: Kari Orosz, Kloria Wen

Youth Leaders: Heather Robertson,
Eden Middleton, Caitlin Hornbeck

Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:

Erin MacLean-Berko

Office Email: office@stthomasunited.ca

A full version of this morning's liturgy is available
– just ask a Greeter or Ask Me host.

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 10:00 am
Theme: Stewardship Campaign Week 2
Worldwide Communion & Baptism
VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

Prelude: *Barb Tetzlaff*

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Christ Candle Lighting & Silence

Introit: *Come, Let Us Sing (Verses 1 & 3)* **VU #222**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer: *Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need and return a portion of what we do not to the work of others in your world. Help us to call on you for the strength we need and to heed the calls of others that together we might all find what we need most. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: *Soil of God, You and I* **MV#174**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 5-15

Ministry of Music : Adult Choir: *One At the Feast*

By Craig Courtney and Pamela Martin

Arnold Murray on flute

Children's Time

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Transfer & Welcome of New Members

Message

Hymn: *We Plough the Fields* **VU# 520**

Minute for Stewardship: *Greg Hyatt*

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity to Open Hands

Offertory Hymn: *We Sing Thanksgiving (Chorus 2X's)*

Offertory Prayer: *Holy God, we give thanks for all the blessings poured out this day. For the hands that offer, the hearts that share, the time of community and all the actions unseen. For all the ways that community is built and faith is lived out, we give thanks and offer them once more as we pray as your people. Amen.*

Call to Prayer: *Gather Us In (2X's)* **MV #7**

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul (vs 1-3)* **MV#194**

Worldwide Communion

Closing Hymn: *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul (vs 3-5)*

MV#194

Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude: *Barb Tetzlaff*

CALLED TO SERVE

Volunteers Needed for Nursery Supervision During Service: Babies and toddlers can be brought into and left in the Nursery while the parent attend the service. **Volunteers** comfortable with infants and toddlers will supervise these children for approx. one hour. One volunteer per 3 children. **Please sign up** on the **green sign up poster** on the **window of the Nursery Room**. Please plan to be at the room about 10 mins before church begins, even though many times, the children arrive after the children's story. Thanks! - Hospitality Committee.

Have you thought of the **Veteran's Association Food Bank** when shopping lately? Their needs this month include: toiletries like shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; toilet paper; tissue and cleaning products like Windex; Mr. Clean; Magic Eraser; SOS pads, etc. Perhaps these are new ideas for you. Let's see how many we can collect. Thank you. -Loree Irving

Avenue 15 Dinner: Please join us on one of the following dates to make a dinner for the homeless youth at Avenue 15 (938 – 15th Ave SW) at 3 pm on the **Sundays of: Oct 20, Nov 10, Dec 15, or Jan 12**. It takes approximately 3 hours to prepare and eat the meal. Staying to share in the meal is encouraged but not required. Any donations of unused makeup, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, condoms, stuffed animals and gently used, clean clothing is much appreciated. For more information or to donate your items contact Hope Cochran at 587.581.2619 or hopeco7@gmail.com



Thanks to our September Birthday Sunday cake bakers:
Cheryl Lang, Ruthann Watson and Wanda Veer
and to our server: Bev Smith.
Cake eaters were very happy!

October birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, October 20

UPCOMING



**OUTRUN
THE STIGMA**

On **Sunday, Oct. 6** the youth group is participating in **Out-run the Stigma**, which is an awareness and fundraiser walk in support of **Distress Centre Calgary**. Outrun the Stigma is an annual 5k walk or 10k run that aims to reduce mental health stigma. Distress Centre Calgary provides 24/7 crisis support, professional counselling, and 211 referrals that connect callers to community and social services at no cost. We chose to participate in Outrun the Stigma because the awareness and support that this event creates is incredibly important to the communities we are part of and the communities around us. If you are interested in supporting us, sponsoring a youth, and helping us reach our fundraising goal, you can search up our team “St. Thomas Youth” on the Calgary page for Outrun the Stigma or speak with one of the youth leaders for more information! Thanks! Heather Robertson, Eden Middleton and Caitlin Hornbeck.

Junior Youth Sunday Morning:

On **Sunday, Oct. 20** during the service, there will be a special program geared towards children in grades 4 – 6. It will be lead by one of the Junior youth leaders. The children will start the morning in the service and then leave for their program when the rest of the Sunday school and the senior youth group leaves. Friends are always welcome.



Junior Youth Group Social Event:

Junior Youth Group is for grades 4 - 6 preteens. They meet once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring their friends. The first Junior Youth Group social evening of the season is on **Friday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 pm**. All youth attending are requested to fill out a registration and waiver form the first time they attend during a school year. Forms are available on the website at <http://stthomasunited.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Jr-Youth-Group-Registration-Package-2019-2020.pdf> or at the Church the night of the meeting.

OUTREACH



Rich Person/Poor Person Dinner

Saturday, November 2 at 7 pm

Tickets are on sale starting October 6th for this event. This is not just a dinner but also opportunity to glimpse life from a different perspective and experience the economic diversity of Calgary. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 per person and all funds raised contribute to our work with Calgary Alliance for the Common Good.

Correspondence Club: Whether it be for activism, information, or just plain fun, writing a letter to someone helps you to be heard. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Lounge or Library. Note that with Oct 14 being a holiday, we will be meeting on Oct 7 instead. All ages are welcome.

The Faith Formation program: "More than a book study" continues on Monday afternoons, from 1:30-3:00 pm, in the lounge. See the September Newsletter for more details and come and join us.

Twitter: We now have a new way to stay engaged with the goings-on at St. Thomas. Come and say hi. Go to https://twitter.com/st_thomas_yc.

Please Note: We Livestream most Worship Services. Please go to <https://livestream.com/StThomasUnited> to watch them online.

Sign Up for St. Thomas Announcements and e-Letters: Want to know what's going on? Sign up for announcements by filling out a Communication Card or contacting the office at (403)241-0366 or office@stthomasunited.ca.

Note: Any announcements, advertisements, or requests for non-church related products, services, or donations to organizations contained in this bulletin/newsletter should not be interpreted as recommendations, endorsements, or permissions by St. Thomas United Church.

FUNDRAISING

2019 Stewardship Campaign on Now!!

This year's theme, Boldly Making a Difference is based on our new St. Thomas Strategic Plan Vision - **A dynamic faith community, boldly making a difference as we grow together. Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here.** The stewardship packages are available in the narthex for you to pick up now. We encourage to prayerfully consider all the ways that you can support the mission and ministry of St. Thomas United! **Please review the information in the package and complete the stewardship commitment card enclosed by October 27th.**



Grocery Gift Cards

We are selling grocery gift cards as a fundraiser for St. Thomas. We buy the cards in bulk at a discount and sell them to you at face value. If you buy a \$100 gift card, it costs you \$100 and it will buy \$100 worth of groceries. Cards for Safeway/Sobey's, Co-op and Superstore will be available in \$50 and \$100 denominations. Payment is by cheque (made out to St. Thomas United Church), cash, or e-transfer to fundraising@stthomasunited.ca. Cards will be available the **first Sunday** of each month. For Autumn 2019, they will be available **Oct 6, Nov 3, and Dec 1**. With your ongoing participation it is hoped that the sale of Grocery Gift Cards will be a meaningful St. Thomas fundraiser. For further info, or to pre-order your cards, contact Richard Taylor-Kerr at fundraising@stthomasunited.ca

Coupon Books

The youth group is selling the ADmazing coupon books again this year. They are \$25 each and will be for sale each Sunday before and after the service. You can also stop by the office to pick one up during office hours.

BEYOND ST. THOMAS

Sisters in Spirit Memorial Feast & Commemoration

Friday, Oct. 4th, from 5-9 pm

Come and join our gathering for all people to commemorate the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls following the Sisters in Spirit Vigil. Come hear the stories, wisdom, and perspectives of Indigenous Women. This event is co-sponsored by Awo Taan, Hillhurst United Church, the consortium of United Church Right Relations committees, the McDougall Stoney Mission Society, the Urban Indigenous Circle and the Stoney Nakoda Nation. Hillhurst United Church, 1227 Kensington Close SW. For More Information, contact: right.relations@hillhurstunited.com

Indigenous Voices Showcase: Wednesday, Oct. 16th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Hosted by Shelagh Rogers, with Shane M. Chartrand; Cherie Dimaline; Alicia Elliott; Harold R. Johnson, and Richard Van Camp. The multi-genre standard bearers of contemporary Indigenous writing and cuisine, thanks to the participation of Chef Shane M. Chartrand (each guest will be welcomed with a taste from his new cookbook *tawâw*) — come together to share their current work and engage in a wide-ranging conversation with The Next Chapter's Shelagh Rogers. At Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3rd Street SE. Cost: \$30 + tax For more information and for tickets: <https://wordfest.com/2019/event/indigenous-voices-showcase-2/>



Our Primetimer's group will be attending **Northminster United Church's Turkey Dinner, Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 pm.** If you would like to attend, the sign up sheet and details are in the Narthex on our Easel. If you have questions, just call Jan or Keith at 403-909-7402.

BEYOND ST. THOMAS

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good: Founding Assembly, Thursday, Oct 17th 7 pm

Membership of the Alliance will declare the establishment of the collective Alliance as a force for common good. At that Founding Assembly, all of the delegates of St. Thomas will be invited on stage at Knox United Church to show their support and state, as a group, why we are a part of CACG. Please come, show your support and demonstrate to the numerous City Councillors, MLA, and MPs at that Assembly, that many of their constituents are a part of this group. Please contact Karen Kavanagh at 403-286-8073 or karenkvanagh80@gmail.com or any member of the Outreach team.



Wordfest Presents Bob Joseph - Oct. 22nd, 5:00-6:15 pm

Shelagh Rogers, host of CBC Radio's The Next Chapter, sits down with Bob Joseph to talk about the Indian Act, and why every Canadian needs to understand its repercussions if reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples is to become a reality. Every business and community leader and every Calgarian, young or old, needs to hear this highly sought-after public speaker who has generously distilled a very broad and difficult topic into a practical vision for moving forward. The Hillhurst Right Relations Circle will be attending this event instead of having their usual Circle. Location: Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3rd Street SE. Cost: \$20 + tax For more info and for tickets: <https://wordfest.com/2019/event/wordfest-presents-bob-joseph/>

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday, Oct 6

10:00 am Worship
6:30 pm Twelve Step Group

Monday, Oct 7

9:30 am AM Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge Club
1:30 pm Book Study
5:30 pm Worship Committee
7:00 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Correspondence Club
7:00 pm Orchestra

Tuesday, Oct 8

4:15 pm Karate
6:15 pm Girl Guides
7:00 pm Building & Property Committee

Wednesday, Oct 9

9:00 am Wilbury Gang
9:30 am AM Fitness
10:00 am Maple Leaf Brass
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters
1:00 pm Open Art Studio
6:00 pm Sparks & Brownies
7:00 pm Youth Choir
7:00 pm Cool Choir
7:00 pm Book Club

Thursday, Oct 10

9:00 am Quilting for Others
4:15 pm Karate
6:00 pm Strummers
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Pathfinders
7:00 pm Rendezvous Planning Team
7:15 pm Adult Choir

Friday, Oct 11

9:30 am AM Fitness
1:00 pm Al Medinah Islamic Assembly
6:15 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Friday Night Sewing Group

Saturday, Oct 12

No events

For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our website at: stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/

**Check the digital sign in the Narthex for location of activities.
Please feel free to take a bulletin with you after Worship.**

Worship Services

Oct 6: Stewardship Campaign #2
Oct 13: Stewardship Campaign #3
Oct 20: Stewardship Campaign #4
Oct 27: Stewardship Campaign #5
Nov 3: A Little Bit of Faith
Nov 10: Remembrance Sunday
Nov 17: Children's Sunday
Nov 24: Basic Income Calgary
Dec 1: Advent #1 Hope



Through our gifts we commit ourselves to live out the mission and ministry of the church. Please give generously to the **Mission and Service Fund** to make this possible.



St. Thomas is an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada. LGBTQ2 people are whole people and full members in this community of faith.



The United Church of Canada

St. Thomas is proud to be part of the United Church of Canada which ministers to close to 3 million people in 3,500 congregations across the country.

Today's Service

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

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