



Sunday, October 13, 2019

10:00 am

Theme: Stewardship Campaign Week 3  
& Thanksgiving Sunday

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

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

**Prelude:** *Bud Burges*

**Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service**

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 & Region 3 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Christ Candle Lighting & Silence**

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

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer:** *Holy One, as we gather we give you great thanks. We give thanks for this place that has been entrusted to our care that we might sing out and share it with others. Help us to reach out into the world through these walls, through this community, and through your love in the world. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

**Scripture:** *Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise* **VU# 820**

**Ministry of Music:** *Adult Choir: We Come Rejoicing by Pamela Martin/Anna Laura Page*

**Children's Time**

**Message** *"Giving Thanks for Everyday"*

**Hymn:** *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving* **MV#185**

**Minute for Stewardship:** *Pam Bazinet*

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

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

**Offertory Prayer:** *Holy God, by the work of our hands, the gifts or our hearts, and songs in our souls, may we offer you what we are able. Through open hands, open hearts, and open minds, may we be a part of the work of your ever-expanding church. Amen.*

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

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

**Closing Hymn:** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* **VU#519**

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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



*Flowers in the sanctuary today  
are in loving memory of  
the Reverend Howard Usher  
- from Patricia and family*

## 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 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## UPCOMING

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** is for grades 4 - 6 pre-teens. 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.

Community friends, neighbours, and families are invited to a communal viewing of the **Remembrance Day Service** at St. Thomas United Church on **Monday, Nov 11**. Doors open at 9:30 am. The service will be shown on the big screen. Beverages and muffins will be available. Everyone is welcome.

**Festive Fair and Sale** at St Thomas on the weekend of **Nov 16 –17**. Crafts, delectable treats, homemade items, unique gifts, fair trade coffee and more for purchase.

**Live Music!** Great Plains is a Canadian duo who play their original blend of bluegrass-Gospel/Celtic and Folk music and St Thomas will be hosting them on **Saturday, Nov 23 at 2:00 pm**. They also play many familiar songs that everyone knows and will include traditional Christmas hymns and carols. St. Thomas hosted them for a concert back in 2014. All who attended enjoyed the concert. Watch for tickets to go on sale soon.

## OUTREACH



### *Rich Person/Poor Person Dinner*

**Saturday, November 2 at 6 pm**

*(not 7 pm as previously posted)*

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 now on sale for \$25.00 per person and all funds raised contribute to our work with Calgary Alliance For the Common Good.

## STEWARDSHIP MONTH

### ***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 Oct 27.**

## FUNDRAISING

### ***Grocery Gift Cards***

Cards for Safeway/Sobey's, Co-op and Superstore are 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](mailto:fundraising@stthomasunited.ca). Cards will be available **Nov 3, and Dec 1**. For further info, or to pre-order your cards, contact Richard Taylor-Kerr at [fundraising@stthomasunited.ca](mailto: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.

### ***Wanda's Preserves***

I will be selling preserves this Sunday, Oct 13. Lots of jellies, jams, relishes available. Proceeds go to our Kitchen Fund. Thanks for your support. Wanda Veer



***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\\_YYC](https://twitter.com/st_thomas_YYC).

***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](mailto:office@stthomasunited.ca).

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## BEYOND ST. THOMAS

### ***Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Men's Talking Stick Healing Ceremony Oct 13, 1:00 pm at Scarboro United Church***

This is a sacred space for men to gather and share their life stories, offering healing, support, and community. There will be an Elder in attendance. Tea, coffee and refreshments to follow the ceremony. To register contact Marilyn Shingoose at 403-667-4863 or [talkingstickhealing@gmail.com](mailto:talkingstickhealing@gmail.com)

### ***Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Women's Talking Stick Healing Ceremony Oct 27, 1:00 pm at Scarboro United Church***

This is a sacred space for women to gather and share their life stories, offering healing, support, and community. There will be an Elder in attendance. Tea, coffee and refreshments to follow the ceremony. To register contact Marilyn Shingoose at 403-667-4863 or [talkingstickhealing@gmail.com](mailto:talkingstickhealing@gmail.com)



### ***Indigenous Voices Showcase: Wednesday, Oct 16, 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/>

## BEYOND ST. THOMAS

*The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good: Founding Assembly,  
Thursday, Oct 17 at 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](mailto:karenkvanagh80@gmail.com) or any member of the Outreach team.



Our Primetimer's group will be attending **Northminster United Church's Turkey Dinner, Saturday, Oct 19 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.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

## Sunday, Oct 13

10:00 am Worship

## Monday, Oct 14

Office closed—no events

## Tuesday, Oct 15

9:00 am Tuesday's Grace Quilters  
1:00 pm Strummers  
4:15 pm Karate  
6:15 pm Girl Guides  
6:30 pm SPARK Cluster Meeting  
7:00 pm Ministry & Personnel Cttee

## Wednesday, Oct 16

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 Executive Council

## Thursday, Oct 17

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

## Friday, Oct 18

9:30 am AM Fitness  
1:00 pm Al Medinah Islamic Assembly  
1:30 pm Naked Faith Gathering  
5:00 pm Naked Faith Dinner  
6:30 pm Naked Faith Worship Service  
7:00 pm Friday Night Sewing Group

## Saturday, Oct 19

8:30 am Karate  
9:00 am Chinese School

For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our website at: [stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/](http://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 13: Stewardship Campaign #3  
Oct 20: Stewardship Campaign #4  
Oct 27: Stewardship Campaign #5  
Nov 3: A Little Bit of Faith

Each Sunday we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 land, not out of guilt or shame, but in recognition of the land on which we gather. We give thanks for the traditional territories and oral practices that have lived on this land for thousands of years through the Indigenous Nations of the Siksika, Kanai, Piikani, Stoney-Nakota, and Tsuut'ina and all people who make their homes in this, our Treaty 7 region of Alberta, and the Region 3 Métis Nation.



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.



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## Today's Service

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

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