

Sunday, October 27, 2019

10:00 am

Theme: Stewardship Campaign Week 5
& Stewardship Thank You

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: Kari Orosz: 'Thriller' arr by Imogen Heap

Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service

Acknowledgement of Treaty 7, Metis & Region 3 Land

Greeting One Another & Announcements

Christ Candle Lighting & Silence: Shunaha Kim-Fine & kids

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

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer: *Holy God, we give you thanks for all your people gathered this day; for the many ways that you have blessed us by their presence in our lives and in this community. Help us to share our love for one another in this time and in your presence. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: *All Who Are Thirsty* MV#4

Scripture: Luke 14:7-14

Ministry of Music: *Orchestra: 'Pavane for Band'*
by Hugh M Stuart

Children's Time

Message

Hymn: *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky* VU#509

Minute for Stewardship: Sherrill Knight

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity to Open Hands

Ministry of Music: *Orchestra: 'Be Thou My Vision'*
Traditional Irish

Offertory Hymn: *We Sing Thanksgiving (Chorus 2x)*

Offertory Prayer: *For all the gifts of your gathered people we offer our thanks and prayers. For the ways that your people lift up what they have, what they are able to do, and who they are in this place we give thanks and ask for your blessing with open hands, open hearts, and open minds we pray. Amen.*

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

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

Closing Hymn: *Who Is My Mother* MV#178

Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude

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

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

Veteran's Association Food Bank – Thank you everyone who brought in toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. They were greatly appreciated! The Food Bank is moving next door to a much bigger location. The cost per sq foot is less, keeping it affordable. Here is the list of needs for this month: cookies, crackers, pancake and cake mixes, canned fruit (especially mandarins and pears), canned salmon, oysters and sardines, Hamburger Helper and instant potatoes. Thanks everybody for remembering our veterans. -Loree Irving

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: Nov 10, Dec 15, or Jan 12**. It takes approx 3 hours to prepare and eat the meal. Staying to share in the meal is encouraged but not required. Donations of unused makeup, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, condoms, stuffed toys and gently used, clean clothing are much appreciated. For more info or to donate contact Hope Cochran at 587.581.2619 or hopeco7@gmail.com

Fall Yard Clean-up: With the early snow and an initial lack of falling leaves it has been difficult to schedule the fall yard clean-up. Weather permitting, we hope to hold this event on **Sat. Oct 26 starting at 9 a.m.** Please come out for a couple of hours with your rake and work gloves to enjoy some good companionship and help collect all those pesky leaves for another season!



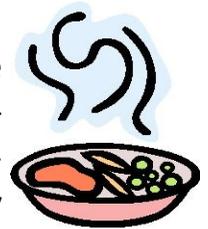
UPCOMING

Junior Youth Group is for grades 4-6 pre-teens. We meet once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring 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.

Lunch & Learn with Roslyn Campbell: this **Sunday Oct 27** following worship. The church has an atheist Minister!?! What's up with that? Let's talk about it. What happened in the United Church with a Minister who says she's an atheist? What's next? Roslyn Campbell, a former Minister here at St Thomas was part of a three person hearing panel that dealt with this matter. She has a law degree and has held positions in the church that deal with issues of oversight and discipline of congregations and Ministers.

Rich Person/Poor Person Dinner Saturday, Nov 2 at 6 pm

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.



Community friends, neighbours, and families are invited to a communal viewing of the **Remembrance Day Service** at St Thomas at **10:00 am 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 and nursery care will be available. To all bakers ... if you would like to provide a dozen of your favourite muffins for this event, please sign up on the poster in the church foyer. Thank you—Hospitality Team

UPCOMING (cont...)

Advent Workshop Series: This four-part educational series focuses on a global issue of importance for all people of faith, that of the conflict in Israel-Palestine. The series is set up in a way that allows for consideration of history, theology, power, and holistic thinking. Anti-Arab racism, anti-Semitism, and the newly emerging analyses from the Palestinian Christian community are some of the issues we will be discussing. The workshops will take place St. Thomas, over the four Sundays of Advent, **beginning Nov 1 from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.** Joe Kadi, who is currently engaged in theological studies at the Centre for Christian Studies, will facilitate the sessions. Participants will be asked to complete short readings before each session.

The next *Primetimer's* Coffee & Chat is on **Thurs Nov 14 at 10 am** in the Narthex. Come join us!

Festive Fair and Sale at St Thomas on the weekend of **Nov 16 –17.** Delectable treats, homemade items, unique gifts, fair trade coffee and more for purchase. See the upcoming Nov-Dec newsletter for full details.

November 17 is Children's Sunday! Come join us for an Intergenerational Worship Service themed on Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who" and plan to stay and watch the movie after the service. Popcorn will be provided.

The Great Plains Concert at St. Thomas **Saturday, Nov 23 at 2 pm.** The Great Plains is a Canadian duo who play their original blend of bluegrass-Gospel/Celtic and Folk music. They also play many familiar songs and will include traditional Christmas hymns and carols. Tickets are \$20 and are available Sunday mornings and at the door. See posters and upcoming newsletter for details.

Parent's Day Out Saturday, Nov 30 10 am-3 pm. Want to do some Christmas shopping without your kids? Need a safe place to drop them off where they will be engaged in games and crafts? Interested in volunteering for this fun event? For more details see the poster on the bulletin board or contact Rev Tracy.

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. We encourage to prayerfully consider all the ways that you can support the mission and ministry of St. Thomas United! Please review the info in your package and complete the stewardship commitment card **by Oct 27.**

FUNDRAISING

Grocery Gift 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. Cards will be available Nov 3, 17 and Dec 1. Or contact Richard Taylor-Kerr at the above email with your order. Cards will be ready for pick up the following Sunday.

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.

Purdys Christmas Fundraiser

Are you eager to begin your Christmas shopping? How about ordering Purdys chocolates for colleagues, friends and family? St. Thomas will receive 25% fundraising profit! Pick up a catalogue in the Narthex after church through November and **place your order by Nov 24.** Payment Cash or Cheque to St Thomas United Church) must be included with your order. Or order online and pay by credit card. The orders will be available for pickup on **Dec 8.** Please contact Karen Kavanagh or Loree Irving for more info.



BEYOND ST. THOMAS

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



Soul Stories; Writing Through the Dark Wednesdays, Oct 23—Nov 13, 1—3 pm at Wild Rose United Church

Moving toward the longest night of the year, Writing Through the Dark offers an opportunity to slow down to explore how our pens can help steer us through to a good landing in 2020. We will write our own stories for navigating this cold season, and touch on some ancient tales that have enlivened people through the ages. Register at wildroseunited.ca or call 403-277-5576.

Awakening Series: Reel Images of Aging

Wednesdays, Oct 23—Nov 13, 6:30-9:30 pm at Wild Rose United Church

Join Certified Sage-ing Leader Judy Steiert for an adventure into movies with elder actors. Viewing these movies allows us to observe and discuss insights while being in touch with our own life experience. Week 1, Oct 23 provides background for the 4 weeks. Videos include: an Unfinished Life; Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont and Annie's Point. Cost is \$75. Registration via wildroseunited.csa or 403-277-5576

BEYOND ST. THOMAS (cont...)

YYC Campus Ministry Annual Fundraising Dinner Sat, Nov 8, 5:30 pm at Parkdale United Church

Loneliness and isolation are part of the landscape for our young adult population. Join the Campus Ministry as we enjoy a Syrian meal, hear from Dr. David Swann on this topic and hear from the Campus Ministry team on what we are doing about it. There will be a silent auction and an opportunity to support the ministry. Tickets \$35 or \$20 for ages 12 and under by phone: (403-220-3896) or at our website:

<https://www.yyccampusministry.com/fundraising-dinner>



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday, Oct 27

8:30am Youth Group Breakfast
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Piano Recital
6:30 pm 12 Step Group

Monday, Oct 28

9:30 am AM Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge
1:30 pm Faith Formation
7:00 pm Correspondence Club
7:00 pm Orchestra

Tuesday, Oct 29

9:00 am Tuesday's Grace Quilters
4:15 pm Karate
6:15 pm Girl Guides

Wednesday, Oct 30

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

Thursday, Oct 31

9:00 am Quilting for Others
4:15 pm Karate
6:00 pm Strummers
5:30 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Pathfinders
7:15 pm Adult Choir

Friday, Nov 1

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

Saturday, Nov 2

8:30 am Karate
9:00 am Chinese School
6:00 pm Rich Person/Poor Person Dinner

For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our web-site 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 27: Stewardship Campaign #5
Nov 3: A Little Bit of Faith
Nov 10: Remembrance Sunday
Nov 17: Intergenerational Sunday



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.



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. **For more information about the United Church visit www.united-church.ca**

Today's Service

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

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