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Today's Theme

After nearly 2000 years of hearing the parables of Jesus, we can easily become numb to just how radical they were. Context matters, and so we take another look at the Good Samaritan.

* Indicates stand as you are able.

The congregation shall read the **bold-faced print**.

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

**Introit:* VU 412 This is the Day, verse 1

**Call to Worship:*

One: As we gather for worship, we seek God's direction for our lives.

All: May God lead and guide us.

One: As we lift our voices in song and praise, we seek Christ's truth for our lives.

All: May Christ encourage us and inspire us.

One: As we seek to serve through our mission and ministry, we need the Spirit's wise presence in our lives.

All: May the Spirit empower us and transform us.

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**Hymn:* MV 154 Deep In Our Hearts

Gracious God, you come among us in abundant joy, unsettling truth, deep consolation, and powerful transformation. Yours are winds of change, hastening us toward a kin-dom of inclusion and justice not yet known in this world. Move and mould us. Convert and transform us. Through your many witnesses, show us your way, so that we may be a community that embodies your love, here and now. Amen.

Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Prayer for Illumination:

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Reader: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: The Modern Samaritan

**Hymn:* VU 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Minute for Mission

**Offertory* VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: May your intentions reach out in love and tenderness.
 May your actions declare comfort and delight.
 May your spirits move with curiosity and wonder.
 May your hearts be filled with holy love,
 and may God embrace you with divine grace.

All: **May that be so! Amen.**

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Blessing: VU 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us today.

July 20, 2025 – 10:00a.m. – Doaktown.

**The Memorial Hymn Sing in Boiestown realized \$2,155,00.
Thank you to everyone who donated to it.**

**The Ecumenical Service on June 29, 2025 at the Dome in
Boiestown celebrating Boiestown Days realized \$307.30 in loose
offering. The loose offering will be donated to Central Self
Help in Doaktown. Thanks to those who supported by giving
the donations.**

Sacrament of Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Loving God, Creator and Source of all, we thank and praise you
with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all
things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation and the potential flung throughout it,

We praise you.

For the law of love, inspiring us to holiness, and the call of
prophets, correcting us in our many human flaws,

We praise you.

For making your love known in Jesus, Living Love and Holy
Prophet, giving hope to the despairing, healing to the sick,
forgiveness to the sinner, and freedom to the oppressed,

We praise you.

For teaching us love until those with power were so threatened
they sought to take you from us, and then showing how nothing
can separate us from your Spirit of love, not even death,

We praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, “Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, “This is the new covenant; remember me.”

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Amen.

We remember as we come to this table, this is not the table of this congregation, or The United Church of Canada, it is the table of Jesus Christ, the family feast of the whole people of God.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour, are welcome here.

Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

[Distribution]

Let us pray,

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done and been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ’s name. Amen.