



The United Church of Canada **Boiestown & St Thomas**

Minister: Rev. Brian Curtis

Phone: (506) 369-2669

Website: www.cnbucc.com

August 17th, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Theme

Our reading from Luke is one of the hardest passages in the Gospel to hear. It's also hard to let these readings inform our daily living. So, today we discuss the space between reflection and judgement.

* 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: May the God of grace be welcome in our midst.

**All: May we receive the power and peace
of Divine Love.**

One: Come let us worship with our hearts, minds,
and bodies.

**All: Let us become a people seeking justice
and compassion.**

One: Blessed be God who challenges, heals, and unites us.

**All: Blessed be our learning in this place,
and blessed be our vision of possibilities.**

One: Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.

[Written by: Éric Hébert-Daly. *GatheringWorship.ca*. Used with permission.]

*Hymn: VU 352 I Danced in the Morning`

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we need you in many roles. As we launch this time of worship, empower us and call us to be an open door, allowing you to enter in. Meet us where our need is and call us to where you need us as your disciples. Amen.

[Written by: Bill Perry. *GatheringWorship.ca*. Used with permission.]

Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1–7

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49–56

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: The Problem of Christian Judgement

*Hymn: VU 561 Take Up Your Cross

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: VU 509 Here I Am, Lord

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: By your baptism, you were grafted onto Christ Jesus.
Go now to bear the fruit of the Spirit:

**All: living out our witness to Christ-like love with
passion and faith.**

One: Remember that you have been blessed with forgiveness
and grace and find God's joy on your life journey

[Written by: Robin Wardlaw. *GatheringWorship.ca*. Used with permission.]

Blessing: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live, verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August 24, 2025 – 10:00a.m. – Boiestown.

**Vacation Bible School August 18 – 21, 2025 at St. Thomas
United Church Hall – 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.**

**The Boiestown United Church will be having a Roast Pork
Supper on October 25, 2025 at the Upper Miramichi Lion's
Club at 4:00p.m. This is a joint event with the Lion's Club.
Donations toward the meat and veggies need to be added to
your envelope, as the Lion's Club buy these items in bulk
through a supplier. More details next week.**

Rev. Curtis will be on vacation August 22 – Aug. 22, 2025.