



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

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Theme

It's easy to forget that God's ways are not necessarily our ways. We can find ourselves surprised when the Holy Spirit shows up in our lives. Have you been surprised? How did you respond?

* 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 (inspired by Hosea 11:1–11):*

One: Our Maker abides as close as our breath and as far as the distant vistas.

All: Blessed is God's great name.

One: God is Mother and Father, parent-like, full of grace.

All: We whisper the holy name of the eternal source of mercy.

One: Let us worship, aware of God's steadfast compassion.

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**Hymn:* VU 389 God Is Here

Opening Prayer

One: In worship, we meet our God, who understands us,

All: who knows us deeply and calls us by name.

One: Through prayer, we seek our God, who restores us,
All: who fills us with joy to follow our divine calling.
 One: In praise, we give thanks for God, who remembers us,
All: who cares for us when troubles appear,
and shelters us when others hurt us.
 One: In worship, we affirm God's promise to be with us.
All: When we feel inadequate to the task and
insufficient for the calling, we seek God's presence,
cherish God's mercy, and proclaim God's love for
us, now and forever.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10–17

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: God Works in Surprising Ways

**Hymn:* VU 644 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Go out from here to journey humbly with our God;
All: **through the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us fulfill the requirements of our God as we seek justice and love kindness.**
One: We go as God's people into the world.
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August 31, 2025 – 10:00a.m. – Doaktown.

Rev. Curtis will be on vacation August 22 – August 24, 2025.

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. Adults: \$18.00; Children (12 and under) \$9.00; Preschoolers: Free. Purchase your tickets by October 20, 2025 and get entered to win a Fall Basket! Tickets are available from Olga Ross 369-2617 or email to rossolga5@gmail.com.