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Labour Day Weekend

Today's Theme

For some, Labour Day is just another long weekend. The roots of it run deep though and it's worth remembering why mark the day. This Sabbath, we consider this weekend's rest from labour.

* 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: Servants of God, come in from the fields and homes and workplaces, where you labour all week.

All: We have laid down our tools and set aside our toil.

One: Servants of God, come into this holy place and time, ready for worship.

All: We come ready to meet God, to give thanks, and to rest.

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

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**Hymn:* VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth



Opening Prayer

Holy God, you call us to build the houses and workplaces of our lives on strong and sure foundations. You have called us together as a community of faith so that this community may be part of how we build this world with the love and teaching of Jesus, our chief cornerstone. Open us to your presence so that our lives may be firmly rooted and grounded in Christ. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4–13

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Labour Day

**Hymn:* VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 681 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: God has conceived of us as children of light and grace.
God has conceived of earth as a place of communion
and hope. God sends us from here as midwives for
God's holy dream.

All: **May God grant us strength and faith to labour with
God and all the world as we await the birth of
justice and goodness. 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.

**September 7, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Doaktown. Please note we
will be returning to 11:00a.m. services.**

September 11, 2025 Nursing Home Service at 10:30a.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. 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 Etransfer to
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