

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

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September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the Season of Creation

### **Today's Theme**

The same values can play out differently under different situations. It's not enough to say, "this is how we do it" or "this is what love looks like." Sometimes we need to take a moment to reflect.

\* 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 516 Come, You Thankful People, Come, verse 1

\*Call to Worship:

One: We gather together this Sunday when we

acknowledge the role of humanity in Creation.

All: We celebrate and seek God's spirit to empower

our human wisdom in the relationship between

humanity and Creation.

One: Together we witness all that God has given to us,

the God who created all people.

All: We give thanks for Jesus Christ who gave new life

to all people and the Holy Spirit that gives living

breath to all Creation.

One: Praise to God, who shared with us this earth,

who created everything and everyone.

All: We rejoice that we as humans bear God's likeness.

May we come to better understand our role in

Creation as we worship today.

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\*Hymn: VU 395 Part of the Family

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Creator of all that is good, may our hearts and minds be open today to your presence. May we thankfully acknowledge that you are pure goodness and strength for all Creation. You bring order out of chaos, gentleness and kindness in times of trouble, comfort to all who feel unlovable, and joy to those whose hearts are broken. You travel with us all our days and welcome us to journey with you. You, the One who designed us as we are, promise you will never leave us. We acknowledge in this time and this place that we are grateful. And together we all offer: Amen and amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

### Word

Prayer for Illumination:

*Epistle Reading:* 1 Timothy 2:1–7

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1–13

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Decoding Priorities

\*Hymn: VU 713 I See a New Heaven



### **Thanksgiving**

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 518 As Those of Old, verse 1

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: Love the God who has created you.

All: We will love God.

One: Cherish God's creation you will use for a lifetime.

All: We will be good stewards.

One: Give thanks for the God who challenges you to

challenge the powers.

All: We will speak prophetically.

One: Come close to the God whose anointed one,

Jesus, shows you the way.

All: We will follow the way.

One: Go from here rejoicing.

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Blessing: VU 420 Go to the World, verse 2

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

September 28, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Doaktown..

St. Thomas U.C.W. is having a Food & Rummage Sale on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. and on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9:00a.m. - noon. If you have items for the sale contact Gail Stewart 365-460 or Allie Lou Mitchell 365-7891 and they will let you in the Hall.

Roast Pork Supper, October 25, 2025 at 4:00p.m.