



The United Church of Canada

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Today's Theme

Paul warns about divisions and Peter is called by Jesus, again. It's all well and good to work toward unity, but Christians don't have a good track record here. What does unity in Christ look like?

* 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 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre, verse 1

***Call to Worship:**

One: We are beloved ordinary people following Jesus.

All: **We are messy, perfectly imperfect people following Jesus.**

One: We have invited Jesus into our hearts and into our lives.

All: **Welcome to our messy, perfectly imperfect worship of our God who loves us.**

One: Welcome to our messy, perfectly imperfect community of faith.

All: **Come, let us worship!**

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***Hymn:** VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

Creator of All, this is the day that you have given us. We join together this day, each of us coming from our own lives, with our own diverse experiences, to celebrate the feeling of being together as your people. We seek a faith that will create in our hearts the hope found in the blessed promises you have made to us. Our emotions, ranging from joy to sorrow, we offer to you. You know our hearts and welcome us into your presence. Forgive us, guide us, and teach us as we give thanks to you for this new day. Help us to keep you securely within our hearts this day and always. In the name of our Redeemer and Saviour, we pray. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12–23

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: A Vision of Unity

**Hymn:* MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 540 Grant us God

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Go from here, transformed by the gospel.
All: **We have found what we have been seeking.**
One: Yet, it is not always what we thought it would be.
All: **We have found and we have been found.**
One: Let us seek to understand our faith more deeply
All: **so that our discipleship may be transformed by
God's grace. Amen and amen.**

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Blessing: VU 639 One More Step, verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

February 1, 2026 – 11:00a.m. – Doaktown.

January 29, 2026 – Official Board meeting – Doaktown – 7p.m.

February 4, 2026- Council Meeting – Boiestown – 4:00p.m.

**February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00p.m. –
Doaktown.**

**Boiestown Annual Church Reports need to be to Olga by
February 1, 2026 so they can be ready for February 4, 2026
meeting to be approved and out to congregation February 8,
2026.**

**Boiestown Annual Meeting – February 22, 2026 following the
11:00a.m. service.**