



The United Church of Canada

Boiestown & St Thomas

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

Today's Theme

The Beatitudes make little sense. Being merciful is good, but being persecuted for righteousness? Would it not be better to do good and not be persecuted? What is Jesus actually saying here?

* 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: God calls us to this place,

All: **to sing and pray,**

One: to listen and receive the word,

All: **to remember and to share**

One: in this holy time God provides for us.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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***Hymn:** VU 341 Fairest Lord Jesus

Opening Prayer

God of abundance and generosity, you call us to celebrate your love each and every day, so love will overcome divisions and build a bridge to unity. You call us to lift our hearts in prayer

and praise and to raise our spirits in holy song. Lift our worship to greater heights this day. Make our prayers deep enough to plumb the depths of our souls and bring us to your throne of overflowing grace. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Micah 6:1–8

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: **Thanks be to God for the Word.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1–12

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Being Blessed

**Hymn:* VU 697 O for a World

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 540 Grant us God

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Go and proclaim the simple message of hope:

All: that God is Love, always sustaining all creation.

One: Go and live out the complex reality of faith:
All: **that Jesus calls us to live with compassion and generosity in a world that struggles to perceive Love's power.**

One: Go and become disciples alive:
All: **for the Spirit guides and prods and enlivens, but always accompanies us.**

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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 8, 2026 – 11:00a.m. – Boiestown – Communion.

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

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

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

March 1, 2026 – St. Thomas United Church Annual Meeting following the 11:00a.m. service. Storm date will be March 15, 2026.

The Mitten Tree in Boiestown had 28 pair of mittens, 3 pair of sock and 2 hats. Thanks to all those who donated to the Mitten Tree. They will be donated to U.M.E.S. and Self Help.