



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

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Today's Theme

We can be thankful for what we have, and recognize the needs of others, but knowing what to do with that knowledge is important. How might we adapt the practice of tithing to our modern context?

* 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: Creator God, provider of seed, water, and sun,

All: we give you thanks!

One: For the health and energy of bodies to complete the harvest,

All: we give you thanks!

One: For the support of families as we labour,

All: we give you thanks!

One: For neighbours who pool resources to bring in the harvest,

All: we give you thanks!

One: For your amazing love and grace,

All: We give you thanks! Amen!

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*Hymn: VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for enfolding us in your love. We sense your gifts around us and inside us. For your blessings, we offer thanks-for-giving. We will share those gifts. We will bless other people with time to share sights and sounds, autumn smells, warm touches, and good food. We will bless others with our gratitude and sharing. We will bless others by being your loving presence in this world. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: John 6:25–35

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: A Modern Tithe

*Hymn: VU 519 Sing to the Lord of Harvest, tune of VU 123

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 518 As Those of Old, verse 1

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

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

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Knowing that you are loved, go with a full and thankful heart.

All: We have hope for what is ahead.

One: Your God goes with you.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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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.

October 19, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Boiestown.

October 13, 2025 – St. Thomas Church Hall, Brian is having his family's Thanksgiving Dinner.

October 22, 2025 – Council Meeting – Boiestown – 11:00a.m.

October 25, 2025 – Roast Pork Dinner at the Lion's Club by the Boiestown United Church at 4:00p.m. Donations toward the meat & veggies need to be added to your envelope, as the Lion's Club is buying the items in bulk. Adults: \$18.00; Children (12 and under) \$8.00; Preschoolers: Free. Purchase your tickets by October 16, 2025 and get entered to win a Fall Basket of goodies. Tickets are available from Olga Ross 369-2617 or E-transfer to rossolga5@gmail.com or Mary Ellen Black.