

# The United Church of Canada Boiestown & St Thomas

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November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Remembrance Sunday

# **Today's Theme**

Today we take a moment to remember. War reminds us of our brokenness, but God is with us as we make this journey in faith.

\* 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 524 O Canada

\*Call to Worship:

One: We gather as community,
All: to pause and remember.
One: We gather as community,
All: to live in a better way.

One: God of grace, gather us as community,

All: keep our memory alive,

so we do not forget the true cost of war.

\*Hymn: VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Opening Prayer

One: In a world lost in unrest,

All: we pray for your peace, O God.

One: In a world lost in mistrust,

All: we pray for your peace, O God.

One: In a world in which wars and violence continue,

All: we pray for your peace, O God.
One: In a climate of fear and frustration,
All: we pray for your peace, O God.
One: When we want to draw inward,

All: may your peace, O God, help us to keep our

spirits open to opportunities to share your

compassion and care.

One: In this world, O God,

All: may we be a beacon of peace. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

### Remembrance

Last Post & Reveille

Reading the Honour Roll

Act of Remembrance

"In Flanders Field"

#### Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Micah 4:1-5

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-27

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Swords to Plowshares

\*Hymn: VU 507 Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

### **Thanksgiving**

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 540 Grant us God

Dedication

\*Hymn: VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table

Sacrament of Communion

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

# **Sending Forth**

\*Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Go forth with a Spirit of Remembrance.

All: We go to plant seeds of peace,

One: trusting that God our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer

will water and cause that peace to grow.

All: May the whole world know the peace of God,

in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing: VU 639 One More Step, verse 1

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

November 16, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Boiestown.

November 12, 2025 – Christmas Ornament Sale at the Central N.B. Woodmen's Museum from 10:a.m. – 7:00p.m. Everyone welcome. Lots of ornaments and various shapes and colors.

November 13, 2025 – Nursing Home Service – 10:30a.m.

November 15, 16 & 17, 2025 – Ridgeway Baptist Church is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend. The schedule of events is on the table in the entryway.

Boiestown United Church is having their Memorial Bulb Tree again this year, and their Mitten Tree.

Church Calendars are for sale for \$15.00. Contact Olga.

#### **Sacrament of Communion**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Loving God, Creator and Source of all, we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation and the potential flung throughout it, **We praise you.** 

For the law of love, inspiring us to holiness, and the call of prophets, correcting us in our many human flaws,

We praise you.

For making your love known in Jesus, Living Love and Holy Prophet, giving hope to the despairing, healing to the sick, forgiveness to the sinner, and freedom to the oppressed, **We praise you.** 

For teaching us love until those with power were so threatened they sought to take you from us, and then showing how nothing can separate us from your Spirit of love, not even death, **We praise you.** 

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant; remember me."

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Amen.

We remember as we come to this table, this is not the table of this congregation, or The United Church of Canada, it is the table of Jesus Christ, the family feast of the whole people of God.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour, are welcome here.

Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

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Let us pray,

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done and been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.