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Today's Theme

With two weeks remaining in our exploration of the Theological Banquet, we consider the Spiritual Christian. Many “spiritual but not religious” people find themselves here too, and so we learn.

* 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: The Spirit dances and bubbles around us.

All: Transformations are everywhere!

One: Rebirth—born again—new life—
all are God's gift to us!

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Be our guest. Blow in our midst!

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**Hymn:* MV 3 River

Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 104)

One: The heart of creation calls out to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator.

All: We open our senses to what is around us and experience all creation. It is a wonder to behold.

One: The hearts of all creatures call out to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator.

All: They give praise and thanks that all their needs are met. It is the Spirit of God that gives them life. It is the Spirit of God that gives us life.

One: All plants and trees reach out their branches and leaves to Holy God, to Holy Wisdom, to Holy Creator. They worship with bud and flower, with fruit and seed, as the Spirit has ordained for them.

All: We come with all the blessings God has given us to worship with heart and voice and spirit. We come acknowledging that we are surrounded with abundance and beauty. Our hearts call out to God, yearning that such abundance and beauty may be shared equally with all. We come to worship Holy God, Holy Wisdom, Holy Creator.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Prayer for Illumination:

First Testament Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: Christian Mysticism

**Hymn:* MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart



Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 540 Grant us God

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: Be blessed, perfectly imperfect people of God.
Be filled with compassion, love, and peace.

All: **May we know how deeply we are loved.**
May we know how important each of our lives are.
May we pay attention to the whispers of the Spirit
within our hearts. May we know the constant love
and presence of God.

One: May it be so!

All: **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.

November 23, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Doaktown.

Boiestown United Church is having their Memorial Bulb Tree.
Names will be read on December 14, 2025.

Boiestown United Church will be having their Mitten Tree
again this year.

St. Thomas United Church will be doing their Angel Tree on
December 7, 2025.