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Today's Theme

“For God so loved the world...” but we know that part. “God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to save it.” The first line is more comforting, but the second guides our path.

* 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 412 This is the Day, verse 1

**Call to Worship:*

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us calm reflection.

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us faithful friends.

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us purpose and direction.

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: bring us to Jesus Christ and his cross-bound way.

One: Along the Lenten way, we worship God.

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**Hymn:* VU 242 Let All Things Now Living

Opening Prayer:

God of all love, we travel up and down the daily routines in our lives, and we know you are with us. We ask you to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to embrace your loving presence in this worship time today, so that we may go out and share your love in the ups and downs of our daily routines. Amen.

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Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Time with the Young at Heart

Prayer for Illumination

First Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1–4a

Reader: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Gospel Reading: John 3:1–17

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

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: To Be Saved

**Hymn:* VU 635 All the Way

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

Dedication

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 509 Here I Am, Lord

Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: The blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, the blessing of the Son of God, born of Mary to be the Saviour of the world, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, always guiding us, be with us now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

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Blessing: VU 120 O Jesus I Have Promised, verse 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

****MAKE SURE YOU SPRING YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ON MARCH 7, 2026 BEFORE GOING TO BED, SO YOU WILL NOT BE LATE FOR SERVICE**

March 6, 2026 – 7:00p.m. – World Day of Prayer Service at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Doaktown

March 29, 2026 – 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. – St. Thomas is hosting a Variety Show in support of the Self-Help and a new roof for St. Thomas. Free well offering at the door.

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, 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.

[Distribution]

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.