

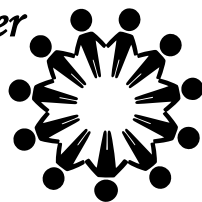
Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday April 19, 2026 10:30am

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey



To Ponder: *“True hope is never determined by what lies before us but by who stands beside us.”*

~ Alicia Bruxvoort

Gathering Together

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing the Life & Work of the Church and Our Joys & Concerns

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: The tomb is empty, and we meet the Risen Christ,
unexpectedly, in the ordinariness of our daily lives.

**ALL: May we recognize Christ
in the faces of those gathered round us**

One: When Christ is revealed to us in his risen glory,

ALL: May we feel our hearts burning within us.

One: We come to worship, trusting that Jesus is with us
on our road to Emmaus.

ALL: Appearing to us! Being present with us! Traveling with us!

One: Christ joins us on all our journeys! Easter is ours!

Inspired by a prayer written by Fern Gibbard, gatheringworship.ca.

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Holy One, Tender Life of All Life, Spirit of Gentleness,
receive the prayers of our heart.**

We pray as a community,

**joining our prayers to the prayers of forests,
who pray in leaf and flower;**

**joining our prayers to the prayers of rivers,
flowing from the source;**

**joining our prayers to the prayers of planets and stars,
in the amazing languages of light and dark.**

We pray as members of one human family, longing for healing.
We pray as followers of Jesus, who travelled on dusty roads,
teaching and sharing the good news of your life in us and with us.
We pray together, not because we are somehow special but
because you love us, and our earth needs us, "Our Father..."

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Opening Hymn VU 182 "Stay With Us Through the Night"

Listening on the Way

Time of Wondering

Hymn VU #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116 (VU p. 836)

Luke 24:13-35

Reflection "Wake, O My Soul"

Responding to the Good News

Hymn MV #135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

Stories of Joyful Generosity & An Invitation to Giving

Offertory Hymn VU 541 "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Going Forth Renewed

Closing Hymn VU 158 "Christ is Alive"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth TLUS 103 "Bambelela"

Bambelela! Bambelela, O Bambelela, Bambelela

Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, Ohhh

Bamba, bambelela!

Never Give Up! Never give up, O Never give up, Never give up

Never, never, never, never, never, never, Ohhh

Never, Never Give Up!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning online & in person.

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*Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading today
Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.*

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Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge with respect and with awe the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples with whom Treaty 18 of 1818 were signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. May we live appreciating the gifts of this land we share with wonder and gratitude and may we live in peace and friendship with all its people.

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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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Welcome to worship in our Sanctuary. Thank you for not wearing scented products to church for those who are scent sensitive

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that delivered Easter cards and visited with our members who can't make it to church! You are a gift to them and to Centennial United Church! If you know of someone that could use a card to brighten their day, please let Valerie Willock know (705-422-1201). If anyone has extra stamps we can always use them!

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS! Thanks to the many volunteers who made the Clothing Swap work! Great turnout and many clothes distributed to those who need them.

CALLING READERS FOR APRIL AND MAY! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, and bulletin sponsorship.

SIP 'n' SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation!

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:00am

CENTENNIAL CHOIR PRACTICE Now on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm. All are welcome as we go over hymns for Sunday and learn special music to add to our worship services on Sunday Mornings.

CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICES Thursday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary as we prepare for the Community Choir Concert, May 10th

EDUCATION & PROGRAM MEETING April 22nd at 6:30pm We'll keep it short so that we can be finished before the start of Centennial Women!

CENTENNIAL WOMEN MEETING April 22nd at 7:30pm Centennial Women meet at 7:30 PM at the church. Myrna Whitley will be speaking about regenerative grazing. All welcome!

BOARD MEETING Thursday April 23rd at 2:00pm We'll meet in the Round Room to discuss church matters and plan for the future. All Welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 4:30 PM – 7 PM St. John's United in Creemore hosts a Beef and Lamb Dinner. Adults are \$ 25, children 6-12 \$ 15 and five and under free.

CAMPING SUNDAY April 26th at 10:30am You are encouraged to wear your camp/casual clothing and come ready to sing camp songs around the campfire in this all-ages worship followed by a hot dog lunch in the CE Hall as we continue to support United Church Camping.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 New Lowell United Church hosts a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner. Dine in or take out. Take out pickups at 5:30 PM, Dine in at 6 PM. Advance tickets only. Cost is \$ 20. Please call 705-424-1476.

MONDAY APRIL 27 10 AM – 2:30 PM the UCW of WOW Region invites you to their Annual General Meeting “Rooted in Faith” at Annesly United Church in Markdale. Preregistration by April 23 required (email ucw.wow@gmail.com or call Margot 519-404-2165). Speak to Jennifer about getting a ride to this regional women’s gathering in Markdale Interested in carpooling? Contact Jennifer.

TOWARDS 2035 TOWNHALL. Join conversations to talk about what Towards 2035 means in your local context, and what resources might be needed. Townhalls take place **Wednesday, April 29, 7 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday May 6 7 – 8:30 PM, Tuesday, May 12 1:30 – 3 PM.** Register now for the time that suits you! <https://forms.office.com/r/ZjvMB4TVKL>. If you need help registering contact Pat.

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CENTENNIAL FISH DINNER May 13, 2026 4:30pm-6:00pm. More details to follow!

This week’s regional prayers are for Londesborough United Church. Learn more about Londesborough United here.

<https://londesboroughunited.com/>