

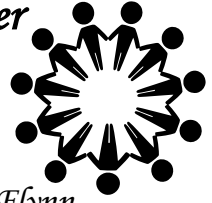
Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday April 5, 2026 10:30am

Easter Sunday All-Ages Worship

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Musical Accompanists: Megan Arksey & June Flynn



To Ponder: “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” ~ Pope John Paul II

Gathering to be Blessed

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

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

Call to Worship & Lighting the Christ Candle

One: A great shadow fell over our hearts as we watched with Mary, Salome, Mary the mother of Jesus, John, and the centurion as the horror unfolded on Calvary so long ago. Like them, we too are witness to scenes of horror in our world.

ALL: How do we deal with this? How do we find meaning and redemption in all this suffering?

One: First, we open ourselves to the Light,
the light we know as Jesus.

Then we let the Light guide us in the ways that we are to go.

**ALL: When we follow the Light, we need never be afraid;
we need never lose hope. (*Lighting of the Christ candle.*)**

One: This is the light of Christ, a light that is never extinguished,
a light that burns bright in our hearts and in our homes.

ALL: Jesus is alive. He is here. Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

God of Easter glory, we gather together to worship you this holy day. Fill us with joy as we catch glimpses of your new life all around us. Remind us of your glory shown to us through the resurrection of your son, who taught us to pray together saying: Our Father... Amen.

Opening Hymn VU 409 “Morning Has Broken”

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering *Transforming the Cross Together*

Hymn VU 703 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6 *God's Everlasting Love*

Psalm 118: 1-24 (VU p. 837 Parts One-Three)

Matthew 28:1-10 *Christ's Everlasting Love*

Reflection

Sharing the Nourishment

Hymn VU 173 "Thine is the Glory"

Stories of Awesome Generosity & An Invitation to Giving

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

Offertory Prayer

Choral Anthem "He Lives"

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Feed the World

Closing Hymn VU 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (vs. 1 & 4)

Commissioning & Benediction

One: The limits of death are gone.

ALL: Joy fills our hearts.

One: The disciples are renewed.

ALL: We will follow the way of Jesus faithfully.

One: The powerful are defeated.

ALL: All who feel downtrodden are offered hope.

One: The faith community is inspired.

ALL: Together we will change our small corner of the world for good.

One: As God's Easter people, we will be renewed.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Amen #974 (sung three times)

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen!

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

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Thank you to

Amelia Dryden for reading scripture

Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by

Wayne and Shirley Cose in loving memory of their parents,

Helen (2006) and Emerson Cose (1996).

And

Greta Horton and her family in memory of their beloved husband and father, Ken, who passed away on April 5th seven years ago. The bouquet of flowers in the sanctuary are in his memory.

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

**Worship in person or on Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

We welcome you to worship in our Sanctuary and thank you for not wearing scented products to church for those who are scent sensitive

THE FAST WE CHOOSE—An Easter Feast! In celebration of Resurrection and New Life, we invite you to bring any and all food items for our Little Food Cupboard—the fasting is over, let the feasting begin. Mark monetary donations: Little Food Cupboard!

CALLING READERS FOR APRIL AND MAY! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as 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 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 Starting Thursday April 9th at 7:00pm. Join us in the sanctuary to be a part of this mass ecumenical choir under the leadership of Liz Kraan and Karen Endicott with Megan Arksey at the piano. We will be preparing for a Community Concert on Sunday May 10th at 7:00pm. Plan to celebrate Mother's Day in song.

CRAFT SALE, ART SUPPLIES SALE WITH CENTENNIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH BAKE TABLE!! Saturday April 11th 9:30am-2:00pm

Come shop finished crafts and gently used craft supplies. Annette Chiape will be offering Intuitive Spiritual Art Workshops at 10 AM, 11 AM and 1 PM. Come, create, learn and inspire wellness!

Baked items to help stock our Bake Table are always welcome! Help our Sunday School and Youth raise money for children and youth programming and outreach projects this spring! Pies, bread, cookies, muffins—you bake it, we take it! Not a baker? This is your chance to bring home some fresh baked items!

SPRING CLOTHING SWAP Friday April 17th and Saturday April 18th from 10am-1pm A wonderful opportunity to supplement your closet for summer and keep clothing out of the landfill. Clothes in good condition will be accepted starting April 13th. Volunteers to sort and set up are always welcome!

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!

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.

SUNDAY MAY 10 Centennial hosts a Mother's Day Spring Community concert at 7 PM, sponsored by the Clearview Ministerial. Community Choir practice begins Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM at Centennial.

This week's regional prayers are for Zion United Church in Rostock. Rostock is north of Stratford.

HAPPY EASTER!

