



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, April 6, 2025 10:30am

"Purveyors of Awe"

Fifth Sunday of Lent – "Connection"

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey

Something to Ponder: *"Do not feel lonely, the entire universe is inside you.*

Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion.

Set your life on fire. Seek those who fan your flames." ~ Rumi

In Awe of Community

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Over the Threshold with *"Open My Eyes/Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

One: ... Seek those who fan your flames."

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

One: ... for a renewed ability to seek connection.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you! I want to see you

One: ... Let us pray:

ALL: Awe-inspiring God,

**we come together this day because we need to be reminded
to see through the lens of connection.**

**It is too easy to have everything we need without seeking
out relationship or connection to another human being.**

Open us to perceive anew.

Inspire us to receive our surroundings with awe.

**Forgive us when we hold back unnecessarily from
wholehearted participation**

and dedication to eradicating loneliness.

Be with us on this journey

as we seek again to marvel at your works.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

One: ... And all God's people say,

ALL: Amen!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Opening Hymn VU 402 "We Are One" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

In Awe of the Word

Time of Wondering – Connection "Awwwwww"

Hymn VU #299 "Teach Me God to Wonder" (vs. 1 & 2)

Contemporary Reading – Brené Brown

Ancient Reading – Excerpt from Psalm 149

Reflection "The Awe of Being Part of Something"

Prayers of the People *Approaching an Awesome God*

Call: Hear our prayer,

Response: Awesome God.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Prayer Response

You are a great and awesome God, your wonders we proclaim.

You are our Rock, our Strength, our Shield, from age to age the same.

You forgive us all our sins, you transform us with your love.

In joyful, grateful, hearts we sing you are a great and awesome God.

Words: Mark Hayes, used with permission. Tune: "This is God's Wondrous World"

Responding in Awe

Stories of Awesome Generosity & An Invitation to Giving

Offertory Hymn VU #541 "Old 100th"

Praise God, Creator of us all,

Praise Christ, by whom we hear our call,

Praise Spirit, that which sets us free,

Our awe is yours, the One-in-Three.

Offertory Prayer

We Go Forth with Awe

Closing Hymn VU #595 “We Are Pilgrims” (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

All liturgy and leader parts Marcia McFee

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Thank you to Greta Horton for reading today

Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.

*Today's bulletin is sponsored by Wayne and Shirley Cose
in loving memory of Emerson (1996) and Helen (2006) Cose*

and also by Greta Horton

in memory of her dear husband, Ken, who passed away on April 5, 2019.

Lovingly remembered by Greta, Heather, Jill, Paige and six grandchildren.

“Love never dies. It lives on in us all.”

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.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

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

PURVEYORS OF AWE Our Lenten Worship Series asks us to allow Wonder, Meaning, Curiosity, Delight, Connection and Self-Giving to awe us. You are invited to share photos of special relationship in your lives this week and send them to jennifer@ucstayner.ca or share them in the comments of our Week 4 Thread on Facebook as we continue to curate a life of spiritual depth!

MEAT PIES! Some Beef pies still available at \$6.00/pie. They can be picked up after church – or arrange with Maxine for pick up.

MILK BAG MAT MAKING Mondays 10 AM – Noon! Please join us

LENTEN STUDY “Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith”

Our Lenten Group will meet Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm in the church office to discuss the daily devotions.

CHOIR Thursdays at 2:15pm Brighten these dreary days with song. Join us in preparing anthems for use in worship this winter.

SPRING CLOTHING SWAP! April 11 & 12. Drop off begins Tuesday, April 8. Clean clothing, shoes, footwear and accessories for men, women and children and in good repair welcomed. There is no cost for items on April 11 and 12 - take what you need (please bring your own bag). For those who are able a donation, or food for the Foodbank is appreciated. Interested in volunteering? Text or call JoAnne at 705-446-4514.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at 7 PM Jubilee Presbyterian Church hosts a Community Palm Sunday Concert, featuring a mass choir and other community performers. Refreshments to follow. All proceeds will be used to subsidize children to attend Stayner Christian Camp.

PRAYER CIRCLE April 15, 2025 7:00pm-7:30pm. Join us in the worship zoom room as we pray for each other, our community and our world. To request prayers for a friend or loved one or if you have questions speak with Deb Allen, Nancy Brillinger or Liz Kraan.

APRIL 23 AT 1:30 Centennial Women please plan to attend our first spring meeting on April 23 at 1:30pm in the CE hall. The theme for our meeting will be "A Celebration of Women". Come, bring a friend! We invite you to come prepared to share a memento, short anecdote or quote from a woman who was/is important to you.

HOLD SOME DATES PLEASE! As we move further into the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada we are making plans! Please hold these dates for some special events – more details to follow. Sunday, May 4, Sunday June 1, Sunday June 8.

THANK YOU! Thanks to Hilda Valentine for making new cushions for the chairs in the Narthex. Thank you for your wonderful talent – it makes a difference and adds to the welcoming atmosphere for our church. And thanks to Jim Beecroft for building a pocket door for the maintenance room. Your talent also appreciated!

REGIONAL PRAYER CYCLE. Today's prayers are for the Tottenham Rich Hill Pastoral Charge. Rich Hill closed in 2023 leaving Tottenham United Church the single point of the Pastoral Charge. Learn more on web-page <https://trhuc.ca/rhuc/>