



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, February 1, 2026 10:30am

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

~ Coretta Scott King

We Gather in the Light

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement & Life and Work of the Church

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Choir Anthem “Gather Me” words and music by Pat Mayberry

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sung Response: VU #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (v. 1)

Call to Worship (inspired by Micah 6:8)

One: Why are we called to this place?

ALL: To be God’s people.

One: What is required of us?

ALL: To seek justice, to love kindness, to live humbly with God.

One: And how shall we do this?

ALL: With our prayers, with our thoughts, with our actions, and with our love.

One: Then, as people who are both blessed and blessing:

ALL: Let us worship God!

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Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Gracious God, you call us to be a community of faith trusting humbly in your word to guide us as we walk in your ways. You call us to be a community of love reaching out to welcome all your children and delighting what makes each one of us beloved. You call us to be a community of hope looking beyond heartbreak to build community in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray together saying: Our Father... Amen.

Hymn MV #12 “Come Touch Our Hearts” (v 1-4, see insert for words)

We Listen for the Light

Time of Wondering

Sung Response VU #701 “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Scripture Readings: *Micah 6:1-8 (OT p. 901)*

Psalm 15 (VU p. 736)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (The Message)

Matthew 5:1-12 (Cotton-Patch Version)

Reflection

We Respond to the Light

Hymn MV #1 “Let Us Build a House” (vs. 1, 2, 5 see insert for words)

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn “This Little Light of Mine” (from AGCS vs. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Go Forth in the Light

Hymn VU #684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Blessing “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in Peace, Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day,

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching, filled with love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price, (adapted) Music Don Besig

Thank you for joining us in worship this week.

Thank you to Greta Horton for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.

Thank you to Neelash Irving for running our live-stream.

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We gather to worship and witness within the boundaries of Treaty 18 of 1818. This is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati, Wendat, and home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples as part of an intricate nationhood that reaches across Turtle Island. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages and our desire to seek a new relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

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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

Charitable Tax Receipts for 2025 available for pick up!

Charitable tax receipts are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed after the congregational meeting February 22.

CENTENNIAL FRIENDS OUTING - Sunday February 1, 2026

Trinity United Church in Collingwood is hosting the highly anticipated Black History Exhibition: "Here From the Beginning". This inspiring tribute to the profound contributions of Black communities to The United Church of Canada was created in 2025 as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations. You are invited to join us after church for lunch at Swiss Chalet at 1:00pm followed by a trip through the exhibit. The Special Events room at Swiss Chalet has been booked so there is room for all. Everyone Welcome as we kick off Black History month! Carpooling from the church available. Those who can't make the lunch but wish to join can meet us at Trinity shortly after 2:00pm!

ANNUAL REPORTS If you haven't got your report in yet we might just make one up for you! Hoping to communicate all we've been about this past year at Centennial so we can plan for the future at our Annual Meeting on February 22, 2026.

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

BIBLE STUDY HOUR Continues Tuesday February 3rd at 10:00am. No formal biblical education is required!

FEBRUARY 10, 11 am – 3 pm WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN host "Walk With Me", an online event and opportunity to learn more about regional council structure and meet women from five regional councils. Contact Pat for the zoom link.

CENTENNIAL WOMEN February 18th at 1:30 pm. Join us for a late winter tea and hymn sing at Blue Mountain Manor.

ANNUAL MEETING Will be held February 22nd following worship.

THEN LET US SING—SUNDAY MARCH 1st at 1:30 pm! An introduction to our new hymnal celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion! We hope you will be able to join us then for an afternoon of song brought to you by our Affirming Committee and Worship & Music. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 6th, 2026 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church (*time to be announced Sunday morning*).

THANKS TO COLLINGWOOD CINEMA CLUB who have donated \$ 2,000 to support our Food Cupboard. Together we make a difference!

NEW SIGN UP! There are new sign up sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the Mission and Service story, as well as bulletin sponsorship. Please consider whether you can contribute to our worship in these ways!

This week's regional prayers are for Flesherton Pastoral Charge, the amalgamation of Eugenia and Flesherton United Churches, now renamed Highlands United Church, gathering in the United Church in Eugenia. You can learn more about Highlands United on their Facebook page.

“Let Us Build a House” (MV #1)

Let us build a house where love can dwell

And all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak,

and words are strong and true,

where all God’s children dare to seek

to dream God’s reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God’s grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,

their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

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“Come Touch Our Hearts” (MV #12)

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;
That we may rise to follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.

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