



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday February 22, 2026 10:30am

First Sunday in Lent



Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom *"You can't plant a seed and pick the fruit the next morning."*

~ Jesse Jackson

Gathering to be Fed

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement & Life and Work of the Church

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

Call to Worship

One: We enter into this place wondering where we will be taken
this time around on the Lenten journey.

**ALL: Yet we know that it is a safe place,
a place of comfort and nourishment.**

One: We also know that this is a place of transformation.
Yet we return.

**ALL: Transformation is precisely who we are as a church.
We are not afraid.**

One: How can we be so certain?

**ALL: We've travelled this path before.
We know what it takes when times get tough.**

One: We may be challenged, questioned, backed into a corner...

ALL: But we will never be alone.

One: Praise be to God!

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Written by Éric Hébert-Daly, Gathering L/E 2026. Adapted with permission.

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**We are open to your goodness, O God, as we prepare to review
our year as a community of faith. We are aware of the many ways
you nourish our faithful living as your disciples.**

Each new day, we need your encouragement to feed us, individually and as a congregation. Bless the words that we share, the songs that we sing, the music that we celebrate, and the prayers that we offer this day. We ask this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray to you saying: Our Father, ... Amen.

Written by Bill Steadman, Gathering A/C/E 2025-2026. Adapted with permission.

Hymn VU #108 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (vs. 1-3)

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering

Sung Response VU #664 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT p. 721)

Psalm 32 (VU p. 759)

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT p. 6)

Reflection

Sharing the Nourishment

Hymn VU #109 “Now Quit Your Care”

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #541 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Feed the World

Hymn MV #65 “When we are Tested” (Tune VU #642-see insert)

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Blessing VU #468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues” (vs. 3, Refrain)

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*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Thank you to Dave Hopper for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.
Thank you to Neelah 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.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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Thursdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

On-Line & In Person Worship: Sundays: 10:30am

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

ANNUAL MEETING Will be held February 22nd following worship. Soup, cheese and buns will be served before the meeting!

Charitable Tax Receipts for 2025 available for pick up! at the back of the church. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed next week.

ANNUAL REPORTS Have been printed! Pick yours up today and see all we've been about this past year at Centennial as we plan for the future at our Annual Meeting.

CALLING READERS FOR MARCH! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as bulletin sponsorship. Please consider if you can contribute in this way.

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

MEAT PIES ARE AVAILABLE! \$6/pie Place your order with Maxine - text at 705 888 2797 or leave a message at that number – to order and arrange pick-up.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am-11:00am throughout Lent.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP – Thursdays at 2:00pm Join us for Lenten discussions on the Daily Devotional "Bless, Break, Share".

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 at 2:00pm

This week's regional prayers are for Temple hill United Church. You can learn more about Temple Hill United at <http://templehill.ca/>.

THE FAST WE CHOOSE—A Lenten Invitation We are inviting you to join us in living out our faith and sharing food with those who are hungry this Lent through Food Cupboard Donations. All welcome!

- Week 1-February 22: Granola Bars
- Week 2-March 1: Mac & Cheese or Instant Noodle Cups
- Week 3-March 8: Boxes of Mac & Cheese or Pkgs of Noodles
- Week 4-March 15: Be Unique for PIE DAY-everything welcome
- Week 5-March 22: Tab Top Canned Food (eg. Chili, stew, soup)
- Week 6-March 29: Individually packaged snack foods

CENTENNIAL STEPPERS CNOY – Saturday February 28th. Gathering at Trinity United Church in Collingwood at 4:00pm, Walk at 5:00pm. If you are interested in walking please reach out to Alice Grotts at alicegrotts@gmail.com. Donations to support our team of walkers can be made online at cnoy.org/location/collingwood and search by team name (Centennial Steppers) or use the sponsor sheet at the back of the church and at coffee hour to pledge your support. **We are at 57% of our fundraising goal!!**

MORE VOICES # 65
"WHEN WE ARE TESTED"

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sigh and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and
searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.