



# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 10:30am*

*Celebrating Creation's Diversity*

*Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving*

*Music Leader: Megan Arksey*



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**Words of Wisdom:** *"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly,  
our whole life would change."* ~ Buddha

## *God Welcomes Us in Worship*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle & Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Blessed God, all seasons are a season to draw near to you. Every moment of our lives—easy or hard, restful or busy—each is a moment ready for you. So, make us ready, dear God, more ready to notice you, to experience you, to turn to you, to welcome your presence. Help us to be honest about our faults, sincere in our repentance, and committed to fulfilling our purpose. In this summer season, refresh us with your wisdom. Guide us with your power. Renew us with your Spirit. Awaken us again to you, our God. We are yours. Make us yours, in action and intention. Amen.

**Hymn VU #409 "Morning Has Broken" (vs. 1 & 3)**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931. Music: Gaelic Melody.*

## *We Listen for God's Word*

**Time of Wondering** “An Extraordinary Ordinary Moth” Karlin Gray

**Hymn VU #506** “Take My Life and Let it Be” (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874. Music: unknown.*

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Kings 19:11-15a (OT p. 355/356 )

Galatians 3:27-29 (NT p. 236)

**Reflection**

## *We Respond in Joy and Faith*

**Hymn VU #374** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” (vs. 1, 2)

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1989. Music: Benjamin Franklin White, 1844.*

**Story of Generosity & Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn VU # 382** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (vs. 1, 3)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

*Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878. Music: Robert Jackson, 1888.*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning online & in person*  
*Thank you to*  
*Greta Horton for reading scripture and the M&S story*  
*Thank you to Neelah Irving for tech support*

**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.

**CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH**

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**Summer Holidays**

Jennifer will be on holidays June 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

For July Pastoral Emergencies contact Rebekah Duncan

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**Summer Office Hours**

July 10, July 16, August 6, August 20

9:00am-1:00pm

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

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

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

**CHOIR PRACTICES** Will resume in the fall!

**Trinity United in Collingwood and Grace United in Thornbury** cordially invite any from Centennial United Church who would like to worship with them over the summer to join them on Sundays in July and August. Check their websites for times.

**For emergency pastoral care** over the summer while Jennifer is away please contact Rev Rebekah Duncan in the month of July (phone 416-254-9479 E-mail: [rebekahjane73@gmail.com](mailto:rebekahjane73@gmail.com)). For the month of August please contact Rev Stacey Mortson (phone 613-401-4526, E-mail: [staceym@vianet.ca](mailto:staceym@vianet.ca)). Rev Ann Harbridge can also be contacted (phone 705-440-3313, email [ann.harbridge@gmail.com](mailto:ann.harbridge@gmail.com)).

## *SUMMER SERVICES*



In July and August, we head into a more informal time of fellowship and worship at Centennial United. The Worship and Music Committee has planned the following alternative summer worship gatherings. We look forward to you joining us as we gather together in community to celebrate God's enduring love. We often take the opportunity to worship outside in Creation so **please - bring your own lawn chair! (and coffee if you'd like one!)** Hope to see you over the summer!

**Sunday, July 6 10:30 AM.** Gather on the lawn at Centennial. Join in fellowship – and enjoy some strawberries and ice cream.

**Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 AM.** Gather at the home of Geoff and Deb Allen (1698 County Rd 7, Stayner) for a Forest Church experience.

**Sunday, August 10 at 10:30 AM.** Gather on the lawn at Centennial. Join in fellowship together.

**Sunday, August 24.** Pot luck at the Dickinsons! (14 MacAllister St South, Collingwood). **Gather at 3:30 PM, dinner at 5 PM.**

## **Centennial Reads Summer 2025**

The Education and Program Committee invite you to join us in reading one, two, three, or more of the books below this summer.

**The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**

by Robin Wall Kimmerer. According to Goodreads, this is a bold, inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude and reciprocity based on lessons learned from the natural world.

**Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada**

by Hugh Segal. Goodreads describes this book as a passionate argument not only for why a basic annual income makes economic sense, but why it is the right thing to do.

**The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor** by Sally Armstrong. This is an historical fiction novel set in Canada, describing the life of Sally Armstrong's great-great-great-grandmother. Goodreads says that Armstrong reclaims the life of a dauntless and unusual woman, delivering living history with all the drama and sweep of a novel.

**Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt. Goodreads says that Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

**The In-Between Bookstore** by Edward Underhill. According to Goodreads, this is a poignant, enchanting novel about a magical bookstore that transports a trans man through time and brings him face-to-face with his teenage self, offering him the chance examine his life and identity to find a new beginning.

**Bonus Book: Tress of the Emerald Sea** by Brandon Sanderson. This epic fantasy novel is described as a "light-hearted, whimsical and refreshing take on the fairy tale genre". If you are a fan of the movie "The Princess Bride" this book is for you!

Mark your calendars for a discussion on **Tuesday September 16 at 7 pm** and help choose the Centennial's winning book.

**Happy Summer Reading!**