

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sunday, June 28, 2026 10:30am*

*Worship Leaders: Myrna Whitley & Liz Kraan*

*Musical Accompanist: Liz Kraan*

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To Ponder: *"I am in you, and you in me, mutual in divine love"~ William Blake*

## *We Gather Together*

**Welcome**

**Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows**

**Land Acknowledgement** *(by Philip Cote, MFA, Young Spiritual Elder, Artist, Activist, Historian, and Traditional Wisdom Keeper, Moose Deer Point First Nation)*

**Call to Worship & Prayer of Appeal**

**Prayer of Confession & Affirmation**

**Hymn VU 348 "O Love, How Deep" (V 1,3,5,7) see songsheet**

*Listening for God's Word*

**Time of Wondering – *Because I Love You by Max Lucado***

**Hymn VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me" see songsheet**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:38-39

Luke 15:11-32 (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

Psalm 103 *(see songsheet)*

**Reflection**

*Responding to God's Word*

**Hymn VU #333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" see songsheet**

**Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory Hymn VU 537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"**

**Offertory Prayer**

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

**Leader:** Loving and Creating God, as we gather this day, we give thanks for the warmth of the summer sun, the changing seasons, and the diverse community of faith we share. We pray for your church,

both Centennial United and across Canada. Grant us the courage to be a beacon of unconditional love.

**People: Hear our prayer, O God.**

**Leader:** We pray for our world, which is so often fractured by conflict, poverty, and systemic injustice. We lift up leaders, peacemakers, and all who work to protect the vulnerable. We pray for peace in places of violence, and for healing in lands ravaged by climate crisis and natural disasters.

**People: Hear our prayer, O God.**

**Leader:** In a week when many are reflecting on our nation's identity as Canada Day approaches, we pray for this land we call home. We remember our ongoing journey of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Give us the grace to listen deeply, dismantle colonial legacies, and work together in mutual respect and right relations.

**People: Hear our prayer, O God.**

**Leader:** We pray for our neighbours who are experiencing hardship. We lift up those who are lonely, those who are sick or grieving, and those who are struggling to find safe housing or enough to eat. Surround them with your unconditional love and your presence, move us to be your hands and feet in this world.

**People: Hear our prayer, O God.**

**Leader:** God of Grace, we bring before you the silent prayers, deep joys, and heavy burdens that we carry in our hearts today. *(Pause for a brief time of silence)*

**People:** Hear our prayer, O God.

**Leader:** We offer all these prayers, along with our very selves, to you, joining together in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven...Amen**

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Postlude – Hymn MV #145 “Draw the Circle Wide” See songsheet**

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*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*See you at our summer gatherings!*

*First summer gathering – July 5 on the church lawn at 10:30*

## *Our Land Acknowledgement*

*Centennial United Church, would like to acknowledge our presence on the land that has been traditional territory of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples since time immemorial. As we reach back to those early ancestors, we remember our Mother the Earth, through the Seven Grandfather teachings: Wisdom, Bravery, Respect, Honesty, Truth, Humility, and Love. The stories of these nations endure and continue to guide our thoughts and actions on this land. We recognize the medicine wheel and its teachings. We recognize the four directions: North, South, East and West, and the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. It is these four seasons that represent the circle of life.*

*“Nin-din-awe-maagan-i-dok,” (nin-din-ah-magan-ee-doc)  
which means, we are all relations. We are all One.*