

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:30am

Pride Sunday

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey

*To Ponder: "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."
~ E.E. Cummings*

God's People Gather with Pride

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows

A Moment for Pride on Union Sunday!

Choir Anthem "Deep In Our Hearts"

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*Heather Ferrier, gatheringworship.ca*)

One: Enter, this Sunday, through doors open wide,
welcoming all as we celebrate Pride!

**All: We bring our full lives, both joyful and messy,
and wear what affirms us, casual or dressy.**

One: So, come now, to worship, no one's thought odd,

All: for we are all equal as children of God!

Opening Prayer (*Rev. Cindy Bourgeois, adapted*)

One: Creating God-God of grace

**All: who makes no mistakes,
who surprises us always,
who molded the first person both male and female,
who loves all creation.**

One: Help us love the diversity of your creation.

**All: Help us each to have pride in ourselves
—beautifully and wonderfully made.**

One: Help us celebrate those who are different than us.

All: That we may love each other as you love us! Amen.

Opening Hymn MV 1 "Let Us Build a House" (*vs. 1, 4, 5-see insert*)

Listening for God's Word of Inclusion

Time for Wondering

Hymn TLUS 30 "We're the Light of All the World" (*see insert*)

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139 (VU p.861)

Romans 8:38-39 (NT p. 196)

Reflection

Our Thankful Response to God's Love

Hymn MV 145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **Refrain**

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **Refrain**

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **Refrain**

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

Hymn VU 639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth TLUS 103 "Bambelela"

*Bambelela! Bambelela, O Bambelela, Bambelela
Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, Ohhh
Bamba, bambelela!*

*Never Give Up! Never give up, O Never give up, Never give up
Never, never, never, never, never, Ohhh
Never, Never Give Up!*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Thank you to the Affirming/Outreach Committee for your leadership

Thank you to Geoff Allen for reading scripture & M&S story

Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Following worship today there will be a Congregational Meeting to review, discuss and vote on whether Centennial United Church is ready to become an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada: publicly, intentionally, and explicitly welcoming and celebrating people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and adopting the proposed Affirming Vision Statement. Documentation of how we got here and what this would mean for our church, along with the process for this meeting and including the proposed Vision Statement and Action Plan is available on the back table and on our web-site at www.ucstayner.ca.

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

THE "CENTENNIAL READS" SUMMER BOOK LIST is almost here!

SUNDAY SOUL STROLL! **Sunday June 7th at 2:00pm.** Rejuvenate your soul by joining us for this special stroll through Stayner enjoying the best of the season! Rain Date: June 14th.

MILK BAG MAT making Monday, June 8 at 10 AM.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR Tuesday mornings: **10-11:00am**

June 24 Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St E) hosts a Strawberry Supper. Dine in or Take out. \$ 28/person. Call 705-734-0760. Book by June 23. For more info poster is on the bulletin board in hallway.

Myrna Whitley is going on a mission trip to build six houses in El Salvador October 31 – November 7 organized by Bethany Church in St Catherines through Shelter Canada. Myrna is helping to raise money for the houses by raffling off tickets for a steak dinner for 2 at the Whitley Farm. Tickets are \$25. Draw will be June 12. See Myrna if you are interested in this delicious opportunity to support a good cause!

This week's regional prayers are for High Country United Church in Mono (north of Orangeville). Learn more about High Country United here <https://www.highcountryunited.ca/>

“We’re the Light of All the World” (TLUS #30)

We’re the light of all the world,
we are a city on a hill,
we’re a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp
beneath a bushel anymore,
we will shine a ray of hope that’s burning bright.

Refrain:

***We are a rainbow,
sign of covenant and peace
for the flood of tears will finally cease to be.
Come shine your rainbow,
splash your hues across the sky,
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.***

We’re a coat of many colours,
sewn from many different threads,
covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said, “Let there be light,”
created every varied shared,
in the rainbow each of us can find a place. **Refrain**

We are hope to still believe
in tomorrow’s better day,
we are peace in a world that’s torn apart,
we are joy that will last
in all the struggles that we face,
we are love that blooms and grows in every heart. **Refrain**

When we face the storms of life,
we will never be alone,
for our God will be with us on the way.
Hand in hand, side by side,
we won’t be frightened anymore
as the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **Refrain**

MV #1 “Let Us Build a House” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

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 hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

**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.**

