

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday March 15, 2026 10:30am

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Worship Leaders: Outreach and Social Action & Affirming Committee
Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom *At our PIE table across the church and around the world, may we **Publicly, Intentionally and Explicitly** proclaim our desire to create a world where all rainbow, LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit People, can live safely with their freedoms, rights and dignity celebrated.*

From a United Church PIE Day Blessing

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 come from many places, with different stories and hands to work

ALL: God who made us calls us to weave life together.

One: Let us worship in the delights of diversity, and to God who knit a community from thread and grace.

ALL: We come to craft community, to listen, to heal, to commit.

One: come let us worship God who calls us together today.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, we affirm together: Love is sacred.

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. Love all your neighbours. Love one another as I have loved you. Love God with all your heart and might. Love is sacred in all its manifestations. Love is always the answer.

We were created IN love, we were created TO love.

We create love with our words and actions. Let us commit to transforming the pain of this world into a healing love. May we radiate a new light. May our love shine brightly. Amen.

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

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering

MV #138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" (*insert*)

Scripture Readings: Colossians 3:12-15 (*NT p 254*)

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (*NT p 216*)

Psalms 23 (*VU 749*)

Isaiah 58:6-12 (*OT p 721*)

Choir Anthem – "You Can Be the Voice of Justice"

Reflection

Sharing the Nourishment

Hymn VU #387 "Loving Spirit"

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

M&S Story

Moment for Affirmation

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

Songs for a Gospel People #128 "Let There be Peace on Earth" (*insert*)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

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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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

*Thanks to the Outreach and Social Action & Affirming Committee
for leading worship*

Alice Grottoli for reading Scripture

Norm Soules for the Time of Wondering

Geoff for the reflection

Heidi Sterrenburg and Joan Soules for stories of generosity

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

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

CALLING READERS FOR APRIL! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as bulletin sponsorship.

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

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR will continue 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”.

Tuesday, March 17, at 1 PM, Affirming Network Spring Fling! You are invited to join a conversation with others from three regions who are part of affirming churches, in the affirming process or curious about the process. You can join the conversation by Zoom at this link. <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/89045232355>. There will be an opportunity to join the Zoom at the church for those who wish to gather there. Let Geoff know if you are interested.

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS REGIONAL COUNCIL spring Regional council will be held May 22 (starting 1 PM) – 24 (ending 12:15 PM) at the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin. An online option is also available.

Thank you! A heartfelt thanks to the meat pie makers from a grateful purchaser. They are one of the few things his wife, living with dementia, will eat.

This week's regional prayers are for Kemble-Sarawak Zion-Keppel Pastoral Charge, north of Owen Sound. Learn more here <https://www.kszkunited.com/>.

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 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

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

Songs for a Gospel People # 128
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MY LOVE COLOURS OUTSIDE THE LINES

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water If we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water If we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water If we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

More Voices # 138

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WE'RE THE LIGHT OF ALL THE WORLD

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.

*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 are 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 shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

*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 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.

*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.*

When we face the storms of life,
We will never be alone, for our God will be with us on the way,
Here we are, side by side, We won't be frightened anymore,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and pace
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.*

Then Let Us Sing!

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CHOIR ANTHEM
You Can Be the Voice of Justice
Valerie Kingsbury and Christopher Bowman

Jesus blessed a little child and said,
“You are the one to lead the people, show the way.
The journey has begun!”

Jesus said, “In you, love lives,
and through you it will grow until the light
comes shining through and all the world will know...”

“You can be the voice of justice,
making room for one and all.
You can dance and sing of peace and tear down hatred’s wall!”

Jesus says, “You are the child.
You are a chosen one to lead the people, show the way.
Your journey has begun!”

Jesus’ arms are open wide with inclusivity.
All shapes and sizes, genders too,
are met with dignity.

“You can be the voice of justice,
making room for one and all.
You can dance and sing of peace and tear down hatred’s wall!”

“You Can Be the Voice of Justice” was written and performed for the first ever PIE Day Song contest held in 2025.

