

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday March 22, 2026 10:30am

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Worship Leader: Liz Kraan

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom *“Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion.” ‘Ooh’ said Susan. ‘I’d thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion’... ‘Safe?’ said Mr. Beaver ... ‘Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”*

C.S. Lewis, ‘The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe’

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 (Adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord

ALL: Praise the Lord, my soul.

One: I will praise the Lord all my life;

ALL: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

One: Blessed are those whose help is God.

All: whose hope is in the Lord their God.

One: God is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—

All: God remains faithful forever.

One: The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed

All: and gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets prisoners free, gives sight to the blind,

All: And lifts up those who are bowed down. The Lord loves the ones who are hungry for righteousness.

One: The Lord watches over those who feel that they don’t belong

All: and sustains those who mourn loss.

One: The Lord reigns forever, your God, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, as we draw near to you again this day,
Taking time from our busyness to pause and pray

All: Bless us.

One: As we join our voices to sing your praise,

All: Bless us.

One: Open our ears, our hearts and our minds to hear your word,

All: And bless us.

One: As we bring our offerings to you and go again from this place,

All: Bless us to be a blessing to others.

One: Hear our prayer, as we humbly draw near to you in the words
taught us by Jesus the Christ, saying,

All: Our Father...

Hymn VU # 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering

VU #622 "Your Hands O Christ"

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT p 838)

Psalm 130 (VU 853)

John 11:1-45 (NT p 132/133)

Reflection "Unsettling Miracles"

Hymn of Response VU # 509 "Here I Am Lord"

Sharing the Nourishment

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving"

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Feed the World

Hymn VU # 326 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (V1,2,3,5)

Blessing and Sending Forth

Sung Blessing VU #468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues" (all verses)

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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Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

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

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Thanks to Liz Kraan for leading worship

Geoff Allen for reading Scripture & the Mission and Service story

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Leeanne Campbell in loving memory of

Doug Inkster who passed away March 18, 2025.

An active member of Centennial United and the choir, he is much missed.

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**”.

THURSDAY MARCH 26 at 7 PM St Patrick’s Catholic Church hosts a Tenebrae Choir featuring the St Michael’s Choir School Alumni. All welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

SATURDAY MARCH 28 join New Lowell United Church as they host their third community easter egg hunt for ages 2 – 12 (accompanied by an adult.) 9 AM – 11 AM. There is no charge. Please call 405-424-6497 or email sandra@bednarek.ca to register so they can be ready with enough easter eggs! Bring your camera for a photo op with the Easter Bunny!

SATURDAY MARCH 28 at 3:30 PM Stayner Skating Club presents their Annual Carnival Ice Skating Show “Show Me the Money” at the Stayner Arena. Tickets are available at the door \$ 10 General Admission, Seniors and Students \$ 7, children 4-12 \$ 5. Children 3 and under are free.

HEADS UP! Save the date for a Craft Supplies and Bake Sale on April 11. More details to follow. The Spring Clothing Swap will be April 17 and 18, 10 AM – 1 PM with collection to begin April 13.

APRIL 22 Centennial Women meet at 7:30 PM at the church. Myrna Whitley will be speaking about regenerative grazing. All welcome!

SUNDAY MAY 10 Centennial hosts a Mother’s Day Spring Community concert at 7 PM. Community Choir practice begins Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM at Centennial. The Community Choir is sponsored by the Clearview Ministerial.

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.

This week's regional prayers are for Hepworth-Sauble Beach Pastoral Charge. Learn more here <https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/>

THE FAST WE CHOOSE—A Lenten Invitation join us in living out our faith and sharing food with those who are hungry this Lent

- Week 5-March 22: Tab Top Canned Food (eg. Chili, stew, soup)
- Week 6-March 29: Individually packaged snack foods

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service – March 29, 10:30 AM

Good Friday Service - April 2, 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

- April 3, 6:45 AM

(hosted by David Reid and Maxine Coutts Reid
259 Christopher St, Stayner. Bring your own lawn
chair and coffee!)

Easter Sunday

- April 3, 9:30 AM.

Gather at Centennial for hot cross buns &
conversation

Easter Sunday Service - April 3, 10:30 AM