



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday March 8, 2026 10:30am

Third Sunday in Lent



Worship Leader: Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom ¹⁴ *Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." The Message: John 4:14*

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: Come, let us sing to our God, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

ALL: We lift our hearts in joy and our voices in thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

One: Come let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

ALL: We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

Let us Pray

One: Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope – hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times

ALL: Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship – the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

Hymn VU #271 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

Opening Prayer

One: God of grace and truth, we come into this time of worship to share our songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving for the wonder of being part of your creation.

All: From the depths of the earth to the heights of the mountains, we thank you for the gift of life and the water that sustains it.

One: In our hearts we offer thanks for the gift of Jesus, whose unending life and unconditional love continues to transform our lives.

All: Like the Samaritan woman at the well, sometimes we take a wrong turn. May we, like her, have the courage to bring all of who we are and what we do into the light of your healing love.

One: In this moment of silence please help us to seek your wisdom to guide our footsteps.

.....a pause for personal prayer

All: Together we acknowledge that you know our past and present, and you hold our future. You know the parts of ourselves that we find difficult to accept, the things we struggle to let go of, and the steps we would rather not take.

One: We thank you for your acceptance, for your spirit at work within us and amongst us, and for the all-encompassing love of your son Jesus. Renew our willingness to follow you.

All: Keep our hearts open to your love and to your spirit of truth, that strengthened and renewed, we may be better able to follow your path as we share the words that Jesus taught us to pray together saying...Amen.

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering

Sung Response VU #361 "Small Things Count"

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 (OT p 74)

Psalm 95 (VU 814)

John 4:5-42 (NT p 120/121)

Hymn TLUS #139 "Love Over Hate"

Reflection

Sharing the Nourishment

Hymn VU #368 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

Mission and Service Story

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

Hymn VU #651 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.

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

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Leesa Meijerink in honour of

Marjorie Ridley's birthday – March 6.

Happy Birthday Marj!

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

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 on 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”.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 6th, 2026 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church at 2:00pm

GRACE UNITED CHURCH (350 Grove St East, Barrie) is hosting a Spring Roast Beef Dinner. Sitdown 5 PM or 6:15 PM, Take Out 4:30 or 5:30. For tickets call 705-734-0760

This week’s regional prayers are for Thames Road-Elimville United Church in Exeter. You can learn more here about Thames Road-Elimville here <http://www.thamesroadelimville.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 3-March 8: Boxes of Mac & Cheese or Pkgs of Noodles
- 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