

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Christian Family Sunday*

*May 10, 2026 10:30am*

*Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving    Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey*

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*To Ponder: "Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead."*                      ~ Oscar Wilde

## *God's People Gather*

### **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

### **Placing our Life & Work, Joys & Sorrows in the Light of Christ**

### **Call to Worship** (*Catherine Tovell, Gathering L/E 2026 Year A. p. 51*)

One: Come to this time of worship as a child,  
trusting in God's goodness.

**All: We come, wanting to bring the enthusiasm, trust,  
and innocence of a child.**

One: Come to remember who you are, and more importantly,  
whose you are.

**All: We are children of God, coming once again to remember and  
celebrate who God is and what God has done for us.**

### **Opening Hymn VU 236 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

### **Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**God of surprises, lift our hearts in wonder this morning. Fill us  
with your Spirit's joyful abandon as we worship. Take the  
mountains and the valleys of life, the mountains and the valleys of  
our relationships, and help us to celebrate their rich folds, the  
variety of experience that shapes our faithing. Smooth out the  
rough and painful paths. Come to us as our companion, we pray,  
as one who loves us like a mother and to whom we can pray  
saying, In the name of the one who taught us to pray as your  
children saying, Our Father-Mother... (A Translation VU 916) Amen.**  
*(Gord Dunbar, Gathering L/E 2026 Year A, p. 51-adapted)*

### **Extending Love & Welcome through the Peace of Christ**

# *Listening for God's Word*

**Time for Wondering**

**Hymn MV 178 "Who is my Mother" (see insert)**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 17:22-31 (NT p 171/172)  
John 14:15-21 (NT p 137)

**A Reflection on Mother's Day**

## *Our Thankful Response*

**Hymn "I Will Never Leave You Orphaned" (see insert)**

**Stories of Gratitude & Generosity – Reflection for Mother's Day**  
**Wendy Whalen**

**An Invitation to Give**

**Offertory Hymn VU 541 "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn VU #288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**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!***

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*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*This week's bulletin is sponsored by Janice Have.*

*In memory of Axel Have, husband/father/grandfather who passed away on May 13 2015. Death is a doorway and he is not gone, he is waiting for me. Lovingly remembered by Janice, Kristina and family.*

*Thank you to Janice Have for reading today*  
*Thank you to Wendy Whalen for her reflection on Mother's Day*  
*Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.*

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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.

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# LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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**CALLING READERS FOR MAY & JUNE!** Sheets at the back of the church to sign up for reading scripture, M&S Stories, and bulletin sponsorship.

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

**The Centennial United Summer Reading List** is being developed! Submit your suggestions for the book you think all Centennial United should read. Submit suggestions in the box at the back of the church, or contact Jennifer.

**MEAT PIES STILL AVAILABLE!** \$ 6/pie. Let us cook for you on the nights you don't want to! Stock up now!

**SPRING COMMUNITY CONCERT Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. TONIGHT!** Centennial hosts this ecumenical event with mass community choir sponsored by the Clearview Ministerial celebrating "The Way of Jesus". A wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day—followed by a social time over sweets in the CE Hall.

**MILK BAG MATS** Continues this **Monday, May 11 at 10:00am**

**May Monday Meaning Meanderings! Continuing Monday May 11th at 2:00pm** meet at the church and take time to meander through mother nature searching for meaning for our faithful living. All are welcome. Subject to cancellation if the weather doesn't cooperate!

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

**TOWARDS 2035 TOWNHALL.** Join a conversation to talk about what Towards 2035 means in your local context, and what resources might be needed. Townhall takes place **Tuesday, May 12: 1:30 – 3 PM.**

Register now! If you need help registering contact Pat.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZjvMB4TVKL>.

**CENTENNIAL WOMEN - Tuesday May 12 at 2pm!** Enjoy a spring tea and hymn sing at Blue Mountain Manor. Plan on attending in your spring finery and spread a little joy and light! We are always welcomed by the women of Blue Mountain Manor.

**CENTENNIAL CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm.** All are welcome to join us as we prepare anthems for our Spring worships!

**CENTENNIAL FISH DINNER May 13, 2026 4:30pm-6:00pm** A Workplan is now available for those able to help make our Annual Fish Dinner a success! And don't forget to get your orders in too! For \$25 you get a generous fillet of Fresh Georgian Bay Lake Trout, potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a bun, with coffee or tea—keep your fork for Pie for dessert! Order with Valerie at 422-1201 or by email at [fundraisers@ucstayner.ca](mailto:fundraisers@ucstayner.ca) Donations to offset the costs of food welcome.

**TULIP DAYS Thursday, May 14, 11:30 – 1:30 (rain date May 15)** hosted at the Fountain Park on Main Street. Stayner Garden Club invites us to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Tulip Days and honour the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legions. Speakers and a free lunch of hamburgers, water and cake and the traditional Dutch treat olliebollen for you to enjoy. We would love to see everyone!

**MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN May 14** is Moose Hide Campaign Day, a day when all Canadians are invited to take a stand against violence toward Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people.

Here are some ways that we can participate in this campaign:

- **Attend Virtual Events:** Distance is no barrier to participation. You can join the national sunrise ceremony, educational plenaries, and specialized workshops through the campaign's comprehensive livestream:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@Moose-Hide-Campaign>
- **Register for virtual workshops** on the [Moose Hide website](https://moosehide.swoogo.com/2026campaignday):  
<https://moosehide.swoogo.com/2026campaignday>

**OUR ANNUAL YARD SALE REIMAGINED! May 16, 2026 10:0am-2:00pm**  
Rent a spot in the parking lot to sell your junk out of your trunk for \$20 or, a table for \$ 30 to sell your items inside the church. Sellers can choose to donate part or all of their proceeds back to the church to support outreach initiatives. Talk to Jen Gerrior if you have a few items but not enough to fill a trunk or table on your own!

**Barrie Presbyterial Women's Mission Society Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 23 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church.** Featuring Guest Speaker Mary Helen Garvin speaking on "One for All". 9:30 AM for gathering, 10 AM for meeting, followed by lunch, \$15. RSVP by Wednesday May 16 to Janice Terry [Janber35@gmail.com](mailto:Janber35@gmail.com) or call 705-322-3038.

**Unity Worship Service Sunday May 24th at 6:00pm** at Fellowship Baptist Church in Collingwood. Sponsored by the Georgian Triangle Ministerial with a free will offering being collected for the Monthly Community Supper in Wasaga Beach. It's an outdoor service and you are asked to bring your own chair.

**Special 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 15th.

The WOW Regional Council is offering an exciting event for children Grades 4-8 **Friday June 5 at 7:00 PM to Saturday June 6 6:30 PM at Camp Bimini** (south of Stratford). The event is called "Gone Fishin'", one overnight makes this not too daunting for a first "Camp" experience. There is also an opportunity for older youth to be cabin leaders. Here is a link to the registration information: <https://wowrucucc.ca/event/kids-across-the-regions-2026/>. Jennifer is part of the planning and may attend. Please contact her for more details.

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 Knox United Church in Ayr. Learn more about Knox United here <https://knoxayr.ca/> . Ayr is south of Kitchener, west of Cambridge.

*"I Will Never Leave You Orphaned"*

STUTTGART 8.7.8.7 (VU 2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

"I will never leave you orphaned,"  
Jesus, you once told your own.  
When we're overwhelmed and frightened,  
show us that we're not alone.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit  
who is present every day,  
giving love that we might share it,  
giving us the words to say.

In affliction, we find comfort  
through our Friend and Help and Guide.  
When we're sad and cannot bear it,  
you are with us — by our side.

Then, in comfort, we find challenge  
As you call your church to be  
mercy-bearers, justice-seekers  
in your new community.

Christ, in comfort and in challenge,  
May the church hear what you say:  
"I will never leave you orphaned."  
May we trust your word today.

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*MV 178 "Who Is My Mother"  
(Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ)*

Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us – colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human de-railings  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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