

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2026 10:30am*

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

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*To Ponder: "Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure, and every prayer meeting is a potential birthplace of revival."*

*~ D.L. Moody*

## *God's People Gather*

### **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

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

#### **Call to Worship** (*Éric Hébert-Daly, [www.gatheringworship.ca](http://www.gatheringworship.ca)*)

One: Come to this place with open minds and open hearts.

**All: We leave our prejudices at the door and open ourselves to God's spirit.**

One: This is a place where we look deep within ourselves,

**All: prepared to let the Spirit shape us into the people God calls us to be.**

One: Come, and prepare to be changed.

**All: With every whisper of God, we are transformed.**

One: Let us worship God as we come together.

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

**Gracious God, we praise you and lift our hearts to you. Thank you for the life of Jesus, for his teachings and his time amongst us.**

**Thank you for your Holy Spirit that lives in us, revealing to us your presence here on earth. May we always be attentive to the Spirit's voice and transforming guidance. May we be worthy of your love.**

**Holy Spirit, help us to find the words in our hearts to express our love and gratitude for you. May we bring glory to your name, O God, in all that we do. This we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying, Our Father... Amen.**

*(Carol Frost, [www.gatheringworship.ca](http://www.gatheringworship.ca))*

### **Opening Hymn VU 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"**

# *Listening for God's Word*

**Time for Wondering**

**Hymn VU 400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 1:6-14 (*NT p 148*)

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (*VU p. 787*)

John 17:1-11 (*NT p 140*)

**Reflection**

## *Our Thankful Response*

**Hymn VU 602 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**

**Stories of Gratitude & Generosity**

**An Invitation to Give**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn VU 437 "The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended"**

**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, 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 Leesa Meijerink in honour of Wayne Ridley's birthday. Happy Birthday Wayne!*

*Thank you to Greta Horton for reading today*

*Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.*

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED:

Following worship on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and Action Plan. 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](http://www.ucstayner.ca). All are welcome to attend either in person or on Zoom. Full members will vote at the start of the meeting on a motion to allow adherents to vote (those participating in the life of the church who are not officially members). In accordance with United Church policy, there can be no advance ballot or voting by proxy on this decision.

### **CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH**

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

*Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

### **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 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 READS" SUMMER BOOK 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.

**CENTENNIAL FISH DINNER THANK YOU!** Thank you to all who made this another successful fundraiser for the church!

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

**MILK BAG MATS & MONDAY MEANING MEANDERINGS** Are both taking a holiday in honour of Victoria Day.

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

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

**TRUNK & TABLE SALE THANK YOU!** Thank you to all who came out Saturday between 10 and 2 to support our reimagined yard sale!

**THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT 6 PM High Tea at Compass Life Church** (202 Ontario St, Stayner). Come for an evening of music, games, food and a Fashion Show. \$ 15 for adults, \$ 5 for children 10 years and under. Get out hats out! Prize will be awarded to the "Best Hat". Call 705-428-3741 for tickets.

**BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING** 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!

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) 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.

**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.

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 Catharines 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 Exeter-Hensall United Church. Learn more about Exeter-Hensall United here

<http://www.exeterunitedchurch.com/>