

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:30am

Pentecost Sunday

Worship Leader – Worship & Music Committee/Board

Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey

To Ponder: *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”* (John 20:21-23)

We Gather Together

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work along with our Joys & Sorrows

Choral Anthem – “As the Wind Song Through the Trees”

Call to Worship

One: The day of Pentecost has come and we are gathered together in this place.

All: Send your presence O God, that we might see, hear and feel the spirit at work.

One: Creator God, reign down your Spirit that we too might prophesy

All: Praise God who sends forth the Spirit.

One: Jesus Christ, reign down your Spirit that we too may see visions.

All: May the glory of the Lord be upon us.

One: Everlasting God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams.

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(written by John Parlber, First Church, Albany, NY)*

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1: 1-2)

All: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)

One: The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God’s temple all cry, “Glory!” (Psalm 29:9)

One: When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

All: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

One: I baptize you with water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)

(Light the Christ Candle)

All: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Psalm 29: 7-8)

One: May the Lord give strength to the people!

All: May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

Opening Hymn # MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

We Listen to the Word

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-21

Reflection

Hymn VU 375 Spirit of Gentleness

Going Forth to Feed the World

Stories of Generosity

Duet – Alice Grottoli & Megan Arksey – “Bless This Home”

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory Hymn VU 541 “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

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!

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Thank you to the Regional Council for preparing and sharing this service.*

*Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading today
Thank you to Myrna Whitley for her technical assistance.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED:

Following worship on Sunday June 7th 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. 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.

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

Trunk and Table Sale made \$ 610 for outreach and social action. Thanks to those who made that possible.

The Fish dinner made \$ 1,558. Many thanks to those who made that possible.

MILK BAG MAT making resumes Monday, May 25.

May Monday Meaning Meanderings May 25 at 2:00pm meet at the church. We'll meander together searching for meaning for our faithful living. All welcome. Keep an eye on the weather!

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!

Unity Worship Service Sunday May 24th at 6:00pm at Fellowship Baptist Church in Collingwood. Sponsored by the Georgian Triangle Ministerial 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 Savlador 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 the Trillium United Church in Cambridge. Learn more about Trillium United here

<https://trilliumchurch.ca/>

CALLED BY EARTH AND SKY - More Voices 135

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas,
Deep ocean's dream.

Waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Precious this gift, the air we breathe
Wind born and free,

breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Precious these mountains,
ancient sands; vast fragile land.

Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Precious the fire that lights our way,
Bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
Our faith and justice one.

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Dance With the Spirit – More Voices # 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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