

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, May 31, 2026 10:30am

Worship Leader: Sandra Squire Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey

*To Ponder: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."
— C.S. Lewis*

God's People Gather

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*Éric Hébert-Daly*)

One: Time calls us to this place.

All: To find comfort, to find caring, to love one another.

One: Time is a gift we are given each morning we rise.

All: It is our responsibility to use it wisely.

One: It is also our responsibility to use it gently.

All: To be, rather than always "to do".

One: We are human creatures.

All: And we come to this place to honour our Creator.

One: Come, sit, listen, and most importantly BE in this place.

All: We have come answering God's call.

Opening Hymn MV # 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (*Written by Richard Bott*)

Creator of all, Christ of our lives, spirit that gives life. Thank you for trusting us with so much. Your love moves us and makes everything new. Bless this time. Bless all time. Bless the world with your love. We are celebrating the Trinity: Maker, Redeemer, Sustainer. May it be so. Amen

Let us join in the prayer taught to us by our generations...

Our Father... Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Time for Wondering

Hymn VU 340 "Jesus, Friend of Little Children"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 48:16 (*OT p 712*)

Psalm 67 (*VU p.786*)

2 Corinthians 13 :11-13 (*NT p 232*)

Matthew 28:16-20 (*NT p 44*)

Reflection

Our Thankful Response

Hymn VU 581 "When We are Living"

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity

An Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn VU 537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 574 "Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love "

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 Sandra Squire for her leadership

Thank you to John Squire for reading scripture & M&S story

Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.

This bulletin is sponsored by John Squire.

Thank you and blessings for all families and loved ones.

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.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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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.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.

MILK BAG MAT making Monday, June 1 at 10 AM.

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!

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. Please contact Jennifer for more details. The link to registration is: <https://wowrccucc.ca/event/kids-across-the-regions-2026/>.

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.

June 24 Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St E) hosts a Strawberry Supper. Dine in or Take out. \$ 28/person. Call 705-734-0760. Book by June 23. For more info poster is on the bulletin board in hallway.

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 Paisley. Learn more about Knox United on their Facebook page.

IT'S A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE MAKER (MV # 30)

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker
The gray whale sings in the sea.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
When high tides break on the shore

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The summer breeze joins the song.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's the chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*