Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, October 11, 2026 10:30am
Thanksgiving Sunday-Buckets of Hope
"Becoming God's People" Exodus Sermon Series
Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving
Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey



To Ponder: *"Hope does not deny evil but is a response to it… Hope is what enables us to keep going in the face of adversity…" ~Jane Goodall*

Gathering in Faith

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: The roads we travelled today to this place helped us experience a small part of God's beautiful creation. We glory in the foods that are produced in our midst:

ALL: the awesome diversity of corn and potatoes, squash and tomatoes, pumpkins and green beans.*

One: God feeds us through the warmth of sunshine, the rain, and the rich soil. We are God's creation partners who sow the seeds and keep threats to growth to a minimum.

ALL: We do our part as co-creators in our small corners.

One: And yet, God's creation is so much bigger than we can even imagine. The universe is filled with things we have not even seen.

ALL: We cannot understand the whole picture of creation, but we can move back from time to time to remember that we are not the only ones God has created.

One: Let us worship our Creator God, with praise, with love, and with hope!

*Written by **Éric Hébert-Daly,** incoming General Secretary, gatheringworship.ca*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn VU #227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Filling up with Hope

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 *(OT p 179/180)*
Luke 17 :11-19 *(NT p 102)*

Special Music *Ten Thousands Reasons (TLUS #35)*

Time of Wondering *"Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" Carol McCloud*

Hymn VU #577 "I've Got Peace Like a River" *(with extra verse)*

I've got hope like a thistle, I've got hope like a thistle,
I've got hope like a thistle in-a my soul.
I've got hope like a thistle, I've got hope like a thistle,
I've got hope like a thistle in-a my soul.

Time for Bucket-Filling

Responding with Thanksgiving

Hymn VU #699 "Live into Hope"

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" *(chorus)*

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves.
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
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Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #242 "Let All Things Now Living"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth "Go Now in Peace"

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Thank you *to Neelah Irving for our live-stream and PowerPoint*
Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading scripture

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Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have lives, hunted and fished on this land and these waters, gifts of the Creator.

We acknowledge as a community of faith we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic and spiritual connection to this land. We gather in the light of that history and honour their ancestors and stories.

We also recognize the contributions that Metis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country. We acknowledge we are all treaty people and this land in particular is subject to Treaty 18 of 1818.

We commit to the journey of right relationship which includes ongoing learning and action with our lives and faith.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY!

As always thank you for not wearing scented products.

LOOKING FOR READERS! Sign up for scripture and M&S story readers is ready at the back. Thanks to all those willing to contribute to our services in this way.

THANKS! To all those who have donated cookies for our coffee time. We have enough and Elaine Lightheart has agreed to look after getting a supply on an ongoing basis.

END OF SUMMER FINANCIAL UPDATE

	YTD August 2026	YTD August 2025
Total Income	$72,079.25	$69,626.32
Total Expenses	$103,738.50	$103,241.44
Shortfall	$31,659.25	$33,615.12
M&S Givings	**$7,655.00**	**$8,049.00**

Note: Last year we received a Faithful Footprints Grant to offset our shortfall in income which we will not have this year. Please consider making a special Anniversary gift to help us meet our budget.

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

ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 – 1.

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS! Jennifer will try to be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30am and 2:30pm. She will also be trying to take Mondays off when possible.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Round Room.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 CENTENNIAL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN CREEMORE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN. They have invited Simcoe County Paramedics to speak. The meeting begins in Creemore at 1 PM. For those interested in car pooling meet at Centennial at 12:30.

COME SING WITH THE COMMUNITY CHOIR! Gearing up for the Community Christmas Concert to be held at Jubilee Presbyterian Church come join the Community Choir practice. All welcome. Practices begin **Thursday, October 15 at 7 PM**. We look forward to bringing the community together to celebrate the birth of Christ again!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 Grace United Church in Barrie (350 Grove St E) is hosting a roast beef harvest dinner. Tickets are available for in person dining, 2 seatings (5 PM or 6:15 PM). Takeout pick up times are 4:30 – 5 PM, or 5:30 – 6 PM. Tickets are $30. Call 705-734-0760.

MARK THE DATES! Western Ontario Waterways Fall Regional Council meeting is **Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30, 6:30 – 9 PM.** This will be a virtual meeting. A learning session to provide background for proposals and a Remit 2 vote will take place October 27. Registration is open.

NOVEMBER 4 TURKEY DINNER IS ON! Dine in (limited) or Take out, 4:30 – 6:30. Cost is $ 30/meal. Pre-order by November 2 (call 705-422 1201 or email fundraisers@ucstayner.ca). Payment can be made by etransfer to office @ucstayner.ca, or by cash/cheque at the door.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! We will need lots of volunteers to make the turkey dinner a success. Get your peelers ready! There will be many tasks, suitable for all abilities (!), in the week leading up to the dinner, and the day of. Please consider helping out. More information to follow.

This week's regional prayers are for Salem United Church in Formosa.