

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sunday, October 4, 2026 10:30am*

*Worldwide Communion Sunday*

*"Becoming God's People" Exodus Sermon Series*

*Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving*

*Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey*

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*Key Question: Who do we trust to tell us how to live & what Jesus would do?*

## *God's People Gather to Listen*

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

**Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to this place:

**ALL: Where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side;  
Where heaven and earth embrace in peace;  
Where God has been, is, and always will be.**

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**ALL: Where we find God's love;  
Where we hear the voice of Jesus;  
Where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is readied by our God:

**ALL: Where we bring our hunger, and find food;  
Where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;  
Where we bring our very selves and find acceptance.**

One: Come, just as you are, to share in this time of worship.

*Written by Thom Shuman, found on [www.re-worship.blogspot.com](http://www.re-worship.blogspot.com)*

**Hymn VU #375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

**Time of Wondering & Sharing Communion (see insert)**

**Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (OT p 76/77 )**

**Psalm 19 (VU p. 740-741)**

**Matthew 21:33-46 (NT p 31/32 )**

**Reflection**

## *God's People Respond in Faith*

Hymn VU #356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give

Offering Hymn VU #541 "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Dedication of the Offering (*in unison*)

With hope we gather, with joy we serve, with peace we pray and  
with faith we respond. This offering God is our hope, joy, peace,  
and faith, given back to this ministry. Bless it, bless us, bless those  
whom these gifts will reach. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #481 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth "Go Now in Peace" (*Don Besig & Nancy Price*)

*Go now in Peace, Never be afraid.*

*God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day,*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.*

*Reach out to others so all the world can see.*

*God will be there, watching, filled with love.*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.*

*Thank you to Neelah Irving for our live-stream and PowerPoint*

*This bulletin has been sponsored by Elaine Lightheart*

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## **CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH**

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*Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

## **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

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## 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.

**LOOKING FOR SOME HELP!** We are looking for another volunteer to teach Sunday School one Sunday a month. Talk to Donna Nadolny if you are interested!

**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.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES** Looking to find out what was discussed at the latest board meeting? The unapproved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the CE Wing.

**THANKSGIVING COLOUR TOUR!** October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm In lieu of our Annual Thanksgiving Walk we will be forming a Car Rally to tour the area and admire the spectacular fall colours.

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

**UCW of Western Ontario Waterways Invites You to: "Sing a New Song to the Lord!"** An in-person / online gathering Monday October 5, 2026, at Grace United, Hanover 310 12th Street, Hanover. Jennifer is happy to provide a ride for anyone who would like to join her.

**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. Speak to Jennifer if you would like ride.

**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 opens September 30.

**This week’s regional prayers** are for Trinity Centennial United Church in Rosemont. Learn more about Trinity Centennial here <https://trinityrosemont.weebly.com/>.

**END OF SUMMER FINANCIAL UPDATE**

|                        | YTD August 2026     | YTD August 2025     |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income           | \$72,079.25         | \$69,626.32         |
| Total Expenses         | <u>\$103,738.50</u> | <u>\$103,241.44</u> |
| Shortfall              | \$31,659.25         | \$33,615.12         |
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| <b>M&amp;S Givings</b> | <b>\$7,655.00</b>   | <b>\$8,049.00</b>   |

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.

## *Sharing Communion*

**Hymn VU #468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

**Invitation to the Table** (*written by Jan Richardson*)

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

One: May God be with you

**ALL: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right to give you thanks and praise,...celebrating your love.

**ALL: And despite our differences,**

**We breathe,**

**We share the earth,**

**We long for peace,**

**And we each receive the same invitation to love.**

One: Today, Christians around the world gather... and dangerous.

**ALL: Our tables may look different.**

**Our bread may taste different.**

**Our prayers may sound different**

One: But Jesus is the same... We join our voices in praise:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One: We give you thanks for Jesus,... decide who belongs.

**ALL: It is a place where we discover**

**that we are connected to each other.**

One: Together we remember... among those gathered, saying:

**ALL: “Take, eat. This is my body, give for you.**

**Do this in remembrance of me.”**

One: Not long after, ... those gathered around him, saying:

**ALL: “Take and drink. This is the sign of the new covenant,**

**God’s love poured out for you and for many.”**

One: The disciples didn't understand... the mystery of our faith:

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Spirit, God,... who gather in small communities;

**ALL: Of those who celebrate with music and dancing,  
And those whose worship is quiet and contemplative.**

One: Of those who have enough to eat,  
and those who cry out for bread.

**ALL: Of those who worship in freedom, and those who gather  
amid conflict, displacement and persecution.**

One: Make us one in the love of Jesus... flourishing of all creation.

**ALL: This is our prayer.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

One: The bread of love, given for all

**ALL: We receive with gratitude.**

One: The cup of blessing, shared for all.

**ALL: We receive with gratitude.**

### **Receiving & Sharing the Elements**

*The communion elements will be distributed in the pews.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**God of every nation and generation,  
gather us into the great company of your people –  
those who have gone before us,  
those who worship beside us,  
and those we may never meet in this life.**

**Until the day when every people and every nation  
are gathered into your eternal feast,  
keep us faithful to one another and to You.**

**Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.  
Now and always. Amen.**

Communion liturgy uses words and ideas from A Global Table Called Grace World  
Communion 2026 worship liturgy produced by the Global Ministries of the Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ and from the liturgy called A  
World Communion Story and Liturgy for Strange Times written by Shannon E. Sullivan and  
found on [www.youngclergywomen.org](http://www.youngclergywomen.org)