

# Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10:30am

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



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**Words of Wisdom:** *"The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness."* ~ Henry David Thoreau

## *We Gather as One Body*

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

**Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Introit: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs. 1)**

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

One: As young and old,

**ALL: we come at Christ's invitation, O God.**

One: As siblings in Christ,

**ALL: we come.**

One: From varied contexts and life situations,

**ALL: we come.**

One: From the corners of the earth,

**ALL: we come.**

One: We come to the table

**ALL: at Christ's invitation.**

One: We come to worship

**ALL: to pay attention to and to live out the Good News.**

One: We come

**ALL: to worship you, our God!**

One: We come

**ALL: joining at the table with our siblings in Christ around the world and praying to you with one voice saying: Our Father...**

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**Hymn VU #288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

## *We Listen for God's Word*

**Time of Wondering**

**Hymn VU #467 "One Bread, One Body"**

**Scripture Readings: Lamentations 3:19-26 (OT p. 796)**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NT p.267-268)**

**Luke 17:5-10 (NT p. 102)**

**Reflection**

### *Responding in Faith*

**Hymn VU #519 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (Tune: VU #331)**

**Story of Generosity**

**Collection of the Offering**

**Offertory VU #575 "I'm Gonna Give So God Can Use Me"**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Service of Communion (see insert)**

**Hymn VU #635 "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me"**

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Sung Blessing #649 "Walk with Me" (refrain only)**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning online & in person*

*Thank you to Dave Hopper for technical support*

*This week's bulletin is sponsored by Valerie Willock,*

*In memory of Betty, Carol and Kathy. Gone but never forgotten.*

Please take a moment to complete the Affirming Ministries survey for Centennial. It can be found at the back of the church. Completed surveys can be placed in the rainbow box, also at the back of the church. Thank you!

## **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.

## **CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH**

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Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-12:00pm

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

# LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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*\*Worship in person or on Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

We welcome you to worship in our Sanctuary and thank you for not wearing scented products to church for those who are scent sensitive

**CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD** and all the other flowers too! Join us this afternoon (Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>) at 2:00pm as we gather bouquets for those who are isolated or in need of a little colour to brighten their spirits this Thanksgiving. Flower Pickers and Flower Arrangers are most welcome. Everything we need provided by Heidi at Rural Roots Nursery and Market Garden!

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

**MILK BAG MAT MAKING** Mondays 10 AM – Noon! Please join us.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday October 8, 2025 at 1:30pm. We continue this lectionary based Bible Study exploring the texts for the coming Sunday and thinking about them in relation to our own lives. We gather in the Round Room—all are welcome!

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm will be meeting following our Bible Study to discuss our Thanksgiving deliveries and look at our care lists. New members always welcome!

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Thursdays at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary until Thanksgiving! All are welcome—no auditions required.

**REGIONAL UCW GATHERING** “Then Let Us Sing” October 20, 2025 10:00am-3:00pm at Drayton United Church. Speak to Jennifer if you are interested in attending the entire day and to Liz Kraan if you'd like to go for the afternoon of singing. Poster is on board in the CE Hallway.

**TREATS WELCOMED!** We will be hosting our very popular pumpkin carving event again. If you would like to bring some treats for the carvers, or contribute some funds to buy treats, could you please have to the office by October 22. Nut free please!

**OCTOBER 25 5:30 PM** Compass Life Church (202 Ontario St, Stayner) hosts a Foodgrains Banquet supporting the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Drinks at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$ 20 for Adults, \$ 10 for ages 6-12 (5 & under free). Call 705-428-3741 or email [compasslifechurch@gmail.com](mailto:compasslifechurch@gmail.com) for tickets.

**OCTOBER 29** Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St) is hosting a Harvest Roast Beef Dinner. Take out 4:30 – 5 PM or 5:30 – 6 PM, 2 Seatings 5 PM or 6:15 PM. Tickets are \$ 35 each. Call 705-734-0760.

**CENTENNIAL WOMEN SAVE THE DATES!** October 28 at 2 PM and November 26 at 11:30 with lunch and a Christmas outreach activity to follow. Details to follow!

**THANK YOU FROM THE GERRIOR FAMILY!** Ellen, Donna and Jen Gerrior wanted to say thank you for the concern and prayers through Ellen's surgery and following complications. "Having such support gave all of us the strength to continue even when things are very dark." And the latest good news update. Ellen should be home just after Thanksgiving!

**THANK YOU** to the many hands that supported the clothing swap.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to Nancy Brillinger and Heidi Sterrenburg for the lovely Fall decorations in our church.

**REGIONAL PRAYER CYCLE.** Today's prayers are for Blyth and Brussels United Churches, collaborating in ministry together. Learn more from their Facebook page (search Blyth and Brussels United Church).

## *Service of Communion*

### **Invitation to the Table**

One: We are invited to this table

**ALL: where our faith is fed.**

One: We bring our doubts for reassurance,

**ALL: and we bring our hope for abundant life in Christ.**

One: We are invited to this table

**ALL: where the humble foods of life are offered.**

One: Bread and cup to nourish,

**ALL: love and acceptance to nurture.**

One: We are all one in the body of Christ,

**ALL: joining today with the body of Christ worldwide.**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

One: We enjoy being together, O God!

**ALL: In each other we see the faith we are striving for.**

One: We want to walk together in this ministry of yours.

**ALL: We want to serve together, work together,  
and be a part of your vision on earth.**

One: We will walk the long road like: ... the disciples following Jesus.

**ALL: We want to serve together, work together,  
and be a part of your vision on earth.**

One: We remember the challenges Jesus faced ... justice and peace.

**ALL: We want to serve together, work together,  
and be a part of your vision on earth.**

One: As we take this holy food. We take courage –

**ALL: the courage to serve together, work together  
and be a part of your vision on earth.**

One: And, so we do what Jesus did... and we find strength—

**ALL: strength to serve together, work together  
and be a part of your vision on earth.**

One: Offering a cup of wine to his gathered friends, ... love, O God.

**ALL: Ready to serve together, work together  
and be a part of your vision on earth. Amen.**

### **Sharing the Bread & Cup**

### **Prayer after Communion**