

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 13 2026 10:30am

Worship Leader: Penny Squirrell

Musical Accompanists: Megan Arksey, June Flynn

To Ponder: "Service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this Earth."

God's People Gather in Hope

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows

Call to Worship

One: For land and soil, crops, forests and wilderness anchoring our homes and hopes, restoring our awe and mystery in our beautiful world.

ALL We rejoice with God in the land.

One: Do not worry over what you do not possess.

ALL: Remember Jesus, who was sent to be our Saviour.

One: Do not fear that too much may be asked of you.

ALL Remember God is with us always and will never forsake us.

One: Do not be afraid of what the future will bring.

ALL Remember God will lead us in the way we should go.

One: Come, let us worship the God who has promised to forgive us and love us always and never forget us throughout all the days of our lives.

Opening Hymn VU # 264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayer of Approach and Praise

For the Young and Young at Heart:

Smelly Potatoes and the Forgiveness Prayer

Hymn VU# 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

You call us to gather together as Christ's Body, loving God, and send your Spirit to unite us as one. In our freedom to make choices in life, we have not always chosen wisely for ourselves or for

others. As stewards of your creation, we have not always honoured the land and cared for its inhabitants. We have not always walked lightly on this earth or protected it. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. As a community filled with many gifts, we have not always seen those gifts in others or called them forth for the good of all. Ready our hands, our hearts, and our minds to freely give and receive the goodness of new life with you. In the moments of this worship, may we experience your call, your community, your Grace and be led to respond. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Listening for God's Word of Hope

Scripture Readings: Romans 14:1-12 (NT p 201)

Psalm 103 (VU p. 825)

Matthew 18 :21-25 (NT p 27)

Meditation – “Foregiveness”

Our Thankful Response

Hymn VU 703 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn VU 540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Go! Live a Difference in the World

Closing Hymn VU 626 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus”

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Blessing : Go Now in Peace Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price, (adapted) Music Don Besig

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 Penny Squirrell for leading worship
Thank you to June Flynn for joining in on the organ!*

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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.

JOB HUNT! KNOW ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED?

Clearview-Stayner Food Bank is seeking a new Food Bank Manager. Our current Manager, Pam Royal is retiring at the end of the year after twelve years in the position. If you are interested in keeping our Food Bank in this community please contact Rev. Darren May at darren.may@rogers.com for further details. ~ Clearview Stayner Foodbank Board of Directors.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME BACK TO WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY!

As always thank you for not wearing scented products.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 – 1.

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

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.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT WORK! Our Pastoral Team have been busy this summer! In June we hand-delivered 20 Newsletters and had lovely visits with most of our house-bound members of Centennial UC. Over the last two months we have sent out 19 cards for various occasions. Our next effort will be to deliver Thanksgiving cards! If you would like to join our team, or donate cards or stamps please call Valerie at 705 422 1201.

BIBLE LECTIONARY STUDY RESTARTS! Tuesdays beginning **Tuesday, September 15 at 10 AM.** All welcome!

SEPTEMBER 23, 7:30 PM. Mark your calendars for a booksharing and selecting the summer read selection to recommend to all!

CENTENNIAL WOMEN GATHER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT NOON at Janice Have's home (71 Greenway Dr, off Klondike Park Rd in the community of Country Meadows. There will be a sign at the end of the driveway). Parking will be in designated areas and there will be someone on site to help. Car pooling may be a good option! Brief tour of Inuit and Indigenous art and carvings. Lunch will be provided (let us know of dietary needs) followed by a meeting. Please RSVP to Janice by phone (705-429-3530) or email (janicehave53@gmail.com) Look forward to seeing everyone!

This week's regional prayers are for McIntosh-Mildmay Pastoral Charge including St Paul's United Church in Mildmay and McIntosh United Church.