

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 20, 2026 10:30am

"Becoming God's People" Exodus Sermon Series

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Musical Accompanists: Megan Arksey, June Flynn

*To Ponder: "Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."
~Helen Keller*

God's People Gather in Hope

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: In the prayers and the praise,
in the words and the wonder:

ALL: we are given enough joy to live each day.

One: In justice for the oppressed,
in generosity with those in need:

ALL: we are given enough compassion to use each day.

One: In the promise made to all,
in the mercy offered to each:

ALL: we are given enough grace to share each day.

One: So come people of God to this time of prayer,
trusting there is enough:

Prayer of Adoration ~ *from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

God of hope, when your hungry people longed for the slave food of Egypt, You opened the doors of heaven and rained down manna. Feed us too, we pray, with the bread of life that we may taste the freedom of Your Grace offers and lead lives worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn VU #288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Time of Wondering

Hymn MV #30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

We don't know why we have such a hard time living out our faith. We try to live generously, giving of our time and money, but fall quickly into the trap of believing there is not enough to go around. Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. As we offer our confessions may space open up within us for your healing Spirit to enter in and reconcile us to those around us (*Silent prayers of confession*)

Assurance of Grace

One: This is the good news: God's mercy knows no bounds!

ALL: God's grace flows out upon us morning and night.

One: We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Response VU #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:2-15 (*OT p 72/73*)

Psalm 105 Part One, Part Four (*VU p. 828-9*)

Matthew 20:1-16 (*NT p 24/25*)

Reflection "*Daily Bread, Daily Trust*"

God's People Respond in Hope

Hymn VU #658 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (vs. 1-3)

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 and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Commissioning & Benediction (*Reworship.com*)

One: Go from here as workers in God’s upside-down kingdom,

**ALL: where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!**

One: And may the blessing of God,

ALL: the love of Jesus Christ,

One: and the presence of the Holy Spirit

**ALL: surround us and sustain us
until we gather here in peace once more.**

One: And all God’s People Said:

ALL: Amen

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 Neelah Irving for our live-stream and PowerPoint

Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading scripture

Thank you to June Flynn for joining in on the organ!

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Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have lived, 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 BACK TO WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY!

As always thank you for not wearing scented products.

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.

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.

FINANCE, PROPERTY AND STEWARDSHIP MEETING Monday September 21st at 3:30 pm in the Round Room

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

TRI-Regional Affirming Ministry Network Zoom Meeting Tuesday September 22nd 1:00pm-2:30pm. A conversation about moving beyond the Church's Apology to 2S & LGBTQIA+ peoples. Speak to Jennifer if you are interested in attending.

BOOKSHARING September 23, 7:30 PM. Share what you read this summer and help select the winner of Centennial Reads year! Last year's winner: "The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor" by Sally Armstrong *You don't have to have read all or any of the Centennial Reads suggestions to attend!

BOARD MEETING Thursday September 24 at 2:00pm.

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY September 27th you are invited to wear an Orange Shirt to worship as we honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with our Service. We will be blessed with a recorded reflection by Indigenous Elder Liz Settee from Prince Albert, SK.

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!

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. Pre-register by Sept 28: To sign up email ucw.wow@gmail.com or call Margot 519-404-2165. Jennifer will be attending and is happy to provide a ride for anyone who would like to join her.

This week's regional prayers are for St. Paul's United Church in Walkerton. You can learn more about St. Paul's here <https://stpaulsonline.ca/> .

IT'S A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE MAKER

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 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.*

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