



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 21st, 2025 10:30am

Creation III

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"Within the Scripture there is a balm for every wound,
a salve for every sore."* ~Charles H. Spurgeon

We Gather Seeking Comfort

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: We light this candle, open to the light of Christ shining in the people all around us.

People: May it's light be a healing balm soothing our souls.

CHOIR ANTHEM – "Shine Jesus Shine"

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **God welcomes us to this place.**

Leader: God accepts our desires, our yearnings, and our cares.

People: **God welcomes us to this place.**

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Welcoming God, we pause in the opening of this worship to sense your presence. In the changing leaves, the sun's rays, in the gathering of your people or in the uplifting notes from the piano; help us feel you. Help us to know that wherever we are you are there with us and your mercy is without end. Even when bad things happen, you are there, sometimes bearing the brunt of our anger and pain. May we continue to experience you as a source of love in our lives, offering a soothing balm and healing comfort this day and always, as we pray the words of Jesus that bring both assurance and challenge to our lives: Our Father... Amen.

Hymn MV #12 “Come Touch Our Hearts”

We Listen for God’s Word of Comfort

Time of Wondering – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Hymn VU #400 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (OT p. 740)

Psalm 79 (VU p. 793)

Luke 16:1-13 (NT p. 100/101)

Reflection

Responding as a New Creation

Hymn VU #658 “O Love, that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Story of Generosity

Collection of the Offering

Offertory VU #575 “I’m Gonna Give So God Can Use Me”

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU #266 “Amazing Grace”

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:

Norm Soules for reading scripture

Joan Soules for reading the Mission and Service story

Neelah Irving for tech support

This week’s bulletin is sponsored by Rob and Liz Kraan in honour of their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Rob and Liz!

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.

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

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**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

A WORD OF THANKS! To all those who contributed to the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful building – inside and out! - over the summer. We can all see the results of your work and contribution and are grateful.

CENTENNIAL READS SUMMER 2025 WINNER! The Centennial Reads group, after lively discussion, agreed all the books recommended were a good read, but the clear winner is “**The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor** by Sally Armstrong. Enjoy!

SIP ‘n’ SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00am as we test the theory that cleanliness is next to Godliness! All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation.

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

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday September 24, 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!

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

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY September 28th, 2025 plan to wear your orange shirts as we commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and live into our commitments to right relations.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION MEETING Wednesday October 1 at 6:30pm in the Round Room.

CLOTHING SWAP! The Fall clothing swap is coming up! Collection of clothing, shoes and accessories in good condition for children, women and men begins September 30. The swap is Friday October 3 and Saturday October 4, 10 AM – 1 PM. Everything is free! Donations or contributions to the Foodbank welcomed if you are able. If you are willing/able to volunteer please contact Joanne at 705-446-4514.

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 for tickets.

Thank you from The United Church of Canada, General Council Office for Centennial's contributions to Mission and Service. They say : " Thanks to your faithfulness, our joint ministry through Mission and Service continues to transform lives by turning compassion into action...The work your gifts fund isn't just about food, disaster relief or human right. It comes to faith, hope and love. Thank you for compassionately helping to build a better world."

LOOKING FOR SCRIPTURE AND M&S STORY READERS! Sign up at back of church!

MV #12 “Come Touch Our Hearts”

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1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to see a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.