

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 6, 2026 10:30am

Welcome Back!

Worship Leader: Geoff Allen

Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey

To Ponder: "We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family."

~ Desmond Tutu"

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: Like the rays of the summer sun

ALL: The Holy One reaches out to us

One: Like the gentle summer breeze

ALL: The Spirit blows through us

One: Like the soft summer showers

ALL: God's love and grace pour over us

One: Satisfying our thirst, nourishing our souls

ALL: Let us gather in that Loving Presence!

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, in you we live and move and have our being. May we feel safe in the assurance of your great love for each and every one of us. May we rest always in your loving presence, feeling all the light and goodness that is you, wash over us and within us, cleansing us of all doubts or worries and filling us with peace: the peace that comes only from you. In loving community we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, Our Father...

Opening Hymn MV 154 "Deep In Our Hearts" (see insert)

Listening for God's Word of Hope

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11 (OT p 833)

Psalm 119 :97-104, Part Four (VU p. 840)

Romans 13:8-14 (NT p 201)

Hymn VU 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Reflection

Our Hopeful Response

Hymn VU 701 "What Does the Lord Require of You"

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn VU 537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth TLUS 103 "Bambelela"

Bambelela! Bambelela, O Bambelela, Bambelela

Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, Ohhh

Bamba, bambelela!

Never Give Up! Never give up, O Never give up, Never give up

Never, never, never, never, never, Ohhh

Never, Never Give Up!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Thank you to Geoff Allen for leading worship

Thank you to Chris Valentine for reading scripture

Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.

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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.

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.

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! Pat will be back in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 AM – 1 PM starting September 8.

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

Saturday, September 12, 8 AM to 1 PM, Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St E) is hosting a Yard Sale for The Busby Centre! Book a table at getconnected@busbycentre.ca or drop off items at Grace United September 8 – 11, 10 AM – 1 PM.

Saturday, September 12 1 PM – 3 PM join New Lowell United Church and the New Lowell Legion for a Fall Harvest Afternoon Tea. The tea is at the Legion (5357 County Rd 9, New Lowell). Enjoy a variety of teas; tea sandwiches and goodies. Tickets are \$ 15 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 3-12. Please order tickets by September 4 at 705-424-1476.

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 Emmanuel United Church in Waterloo. Learn more about Emmanuel United at <https://emmanueluc.ca/>.

Deep In Our Hearts (MV 154)

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

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