



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 7th, 2025 10:30am

Rally Sunday-Creation I

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in."*

~ Leonard Cohen

Gathering on the Potter's Wheel

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 *adapted from Keith Mayers, Gathering Pent. 2, 2025 p. 25*

One: Our hearts ponder the beauty of God's majesty!

ALL: It's a vessel of love for Creation.

One: Our hands are ready to shape, our fingers form the symbols

ALL: the wonders of God's work!

One: We praise the God of awe and majesty with our creations.

ALL: May the Creator God come bless our hearts,

One: that we may show compassion, love, and care—

ALL: for the people and the earth all around us.

One: In this time of worship, let us be filled with gratitude

ALL: for all Creation and for our God who is creating still.

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

Creator God, we thank you for creating this glorious world and for providing a safe place for us to come together and worship in.

Help us to be open this morning so that we may receive your word, be shaped by your loving hands, and know that you are God, the Creator of all that is—the one whom we can turn to saying, Our Father... Amen.

Hymn VU #376 "Spirit of the Living God"

Shaped by the Word of God

Time of Wondering

Hymn VU #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-6 (OT p. 751)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (VU p. 861)

Reflection

Responding as a New Creation

Hymn MV #79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

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 #578 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Commissioning & Benediction

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

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.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY SUNDAE SUNDAY! Join us for ice cream after the service today in the CE Hall as we celebrate the return to worship for all ages. It's make your own Sundae Sunday so we hope you brought your favourite topping!

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 begins Wednesday, September 10 at 2 PM at the church. Join the group for faithful reflection and discussion.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 we welcome Penny Squirrell in worship leadership. We also welcome a visit from Rev Maurice Francis and his wife Ruth who will join us in worship that Sunday. Please join us after the service for a chance to chat with them.

CENTENNIAL READS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 7 PM. Join us to hear what our avid readers thought about our selected summer reading: **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World** by Robin Wall Kimmerer, **Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada** by Hugh Segal, **The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor** by Sally Armstrong, **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt, **The In-Between Bookstore** by Edward Underhill, and our bonus book: **Tress of the Emerald Sea** by Brandon Sanderson. Whether you read none, one, or all, come share your thoughts or find out which ones are recommended by our avid readers for your Fall booklist. Please join us for a lively discussion. Readers of all age welcome.

STEWARDSHIP, PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE meets
Wednesday, Sept 17th at 3 PM.

CENTENNIAL BOARD meets Thursday, Sept 18th. The meeting is
currently set for 3:30 PM.

NEW TIME! CHOIR PRACTICE resumes Thursday Sept 18th at **5:00pm** in
the Sanctuary! All are welcome—no auditions required.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets Wednesday,
September 24 at 6:30 PM.

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.

REGIONAL PRAYERS this week are invited for Calvary Memorial United
Church in Kitchener. You can learn about Calvary Memorial here
<https://www.calvarymemorial.ca/> .

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**Please note slight change in Thursday office hours for September
and October.**

Office Hours

Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-12:00pm

Online and in person worship Sundays at 10:30 AM