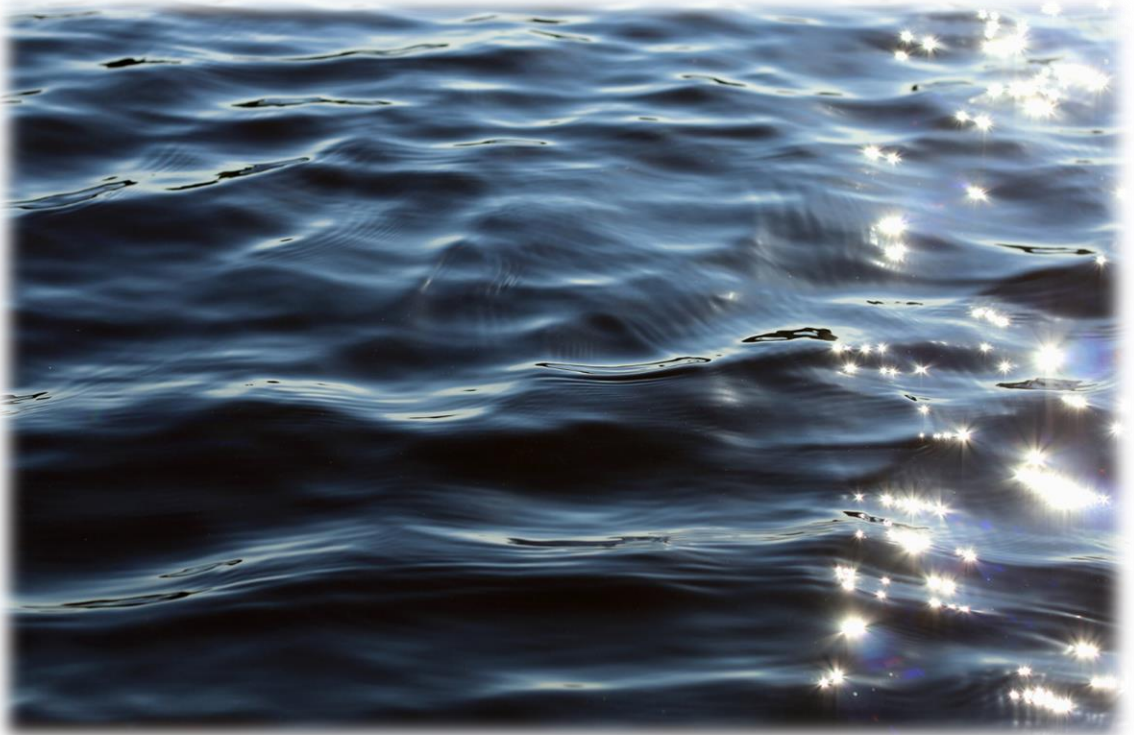




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Connect with what matters in life.



**Camp Scugog Sunday and Baptism
Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:30am**

**Rev. Jean Ward
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir**

**Sacrament of Baptism
Anna Faith Murphy**

**Camp Scugog
Director, Summer Camp
Gavin Keachie**

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, if able.
The congregation is invited to say or sing **bold text**.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Acknowledgement

***Processional Hymn** This is God's Wondrous World

VU #296

**This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, you are good to us. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the song of birds, the dance of trees, the lapping water, and the rustling branches.

Our eyes and ears, our sense of touch, our emotions are opened to your presence in the newness of the day, the spring air, and the colours of our northern land awakening into blossom.

For your gift of time and the cycle of nature; for opportunities in the out-of-doors to reflect, and to feel your presence; for rest and recreation,

We give you thanks.

For the dedication of people who support the ministry of camping through offerings of time and talent; for the gifts of all who create an environment of faithfulness and healing,

We give you thanks.

For the blessings we experience at camp; for the questions and discoveries; for the friendships and fun; for the music and stories,

We give you thanks.

For the church without walls that camp can be, celebrating God's presence together in creation and community,

We give you thanks!

***Introit**

The Heavens are Telling

E. Daley

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
(Psalm 19:1)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Gathering of the Water

Here is water.
Rushing water. Surging water.
Pounding, crashing surf of water.
Foaming waters to cleanse us,
to take away the guilt & the regret,
that weighs oh so heavily,
to take away the fear
and the anxiety of our living.
Blessed be water.

***We give thanks, Creator God,
for sea and ocean, tides and waves.***

Here is water.
Tumbling water. Streaming water.
Free flowing showering of grace water.
Bubbling effervescence to soothe our hearts,
balm for the scars of angry division,
salve for the wounds of pride.
Blessed be water.

***We give you thanks, creative Word,
for rain and snow, storm and mist.***

Here is water.
Clear water. Cool water.

4.

Quench the thirst of our soul water.
Still waters to restore our spirits and our bodies,
refreshment for life's journey,
adazzle with the promise of new life.
Blessed be water.

***We give you thanks, creating Spirit,
for stream and pool, spring and lake.***

Here is water,
holding all of creation as one.
We thank you blessed Creator, for the gift of life,
for these waters
without which life would cease,
for the gift of Baptism,
through which these waters birth us again
into your promise of interconnection
extending into the vast, amazing Universe.

Blessed be Creator God,
creative Word,
creating Spirit.
Blessed be each soul here and not here,
one people,
one with all that is.
Blessed be this that births us,
renews us,
and welcomes us home.

Amen.

Baptismal Hymn Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

VU #442

**Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and
light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture, by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
 To your name be glory, honour! With our lives we worship, praise!
 We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

Profession of Faith and Promises

***Congregational Commitment**

As Fairlawn Avenue United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture Anna Faith within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

***Affirming Our Faith**

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,**

6.

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Act of Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Blessing and Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Choral Blessing The Lord Bless You and Keep You

E. Daley

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine on you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.
(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Scripture

Psalm 23

The Message

GOD, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.
Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner
 right in front of my enemies.
 You revive my drooping head;
 my cup brims with blessing.
 Your beauty and love chase after me
 every day of my life.
 I'm back home in the house of GOD
 for the rest of my life.

Reading

I sometimes forget
 that I was created for Joy.
 My mind is too busy.
 My heart is too heavy
 for me to remember
 that I have been
 Called to dance
 the sacred dance of life.
 I was created to smile.
 To Love.
 To be lifted up
 and lift up others.
 O' Sacred One
 untangle my feet
 from all that ensnares.
 Free my soul
 that we might
 Dance
 And that our dancing
 might be contagious.
 -Hafiz

Hafiz (1325 -1389)

Anthem

Like a Mighty River Flowing

German carol tune, 14th century
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1897-1951)/E. Daley

Like a mighty river flowing,
 like a flower in beauty growing,
 far beyond all human knowing
 is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
 like the coursing clouds of heaven,
 like the heart that's been forgiven
 is the perfect peace of God.

8.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.
(Michael A. Perry)

Reflection

Ripples of Conversation and Understanding

Rev. Jean Ward

Camp Scugog Director, Summer Camp, Gavin Keachie

Prayers

Introduction of the Offering

Sing-along Camp Song Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah!

Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah!

Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah!

Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah!

Brother, lend a helping hand, hallelujah!

Brother, lend a helping hand, hallelujah! R

Jordan's river is chilly and cold, hallelujah!

Chills the body, but not the soul, hallelujah!

Jordan's river is deep and wide, hallelujah!

Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah! R

***Presentation of the Offering**

In gratitude and humble trust
 We bring our best today,
 To serve your cause and share your love
 With all along life's way.
 O God, who gave yourself to us
 In Jesus Christ, your Son,
 Teach us to give ourselves each day
 Until life's work is done.

***Recessional Hymn** For the Beauty of the Earth

VU # 226

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given,
 graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Blessing**Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

May God's love surround you,
 may God's wisdom guide you,
 may God's light shine upon you,
 until we meet again.

Postlude

Support Fairlawn's Camp Scugog Bake Sale & Craft Shack during Coffee Hour in the Assembly Hall. Items include printed greeting cards from original photos and watercolour paintings, tasty baked goods and other handicrafts. If you wish, you can make a financial donation to Camp Scugog to help us send kids to camp this summer!



Camp Scugog Bake Sale & Craft Shack



Thank you to the Scugog Team – Sandy Giles Byrne, Marlene Jones, Kathryn Cullen, volunteers and shoppers at the Bake Sale & Craft Shack for supporting Camp Scugog.

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