



FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



Sunday, September 15, 2024
Worship Service 10:30am

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Welcome[1] As we enter into this sacred place,
put away
the pressures of the world that ask us
to perform,
to take up masks,
to put on brave fronts.

Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.
This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be,
to this safe and holy place.

Sing out happiness upon the morning.
Celebrate the famous sun and the comely earth.
Think upon love, that it may grow within us,
and compassion, that it may call us to its service.

Unison Acknowledgement of the Earth[2]

**We recognise and give thanks
that we humans
are creatures of the Earth
living in the ecosystem
—flowers, trees and insects;
land, waters and mountain range—
that is unique to Canada
yet not so different from anywhere else.
May we honour this land
one another
and honour life itself
by our care for all life.**

Acknowledgement of the Land and Her People

***Processional Hymn** New Every Morning

**New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**New mercies each returning day
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day
to live more nearly as we pray.**

***Call to Worship**

May God be with you!

And also with you!

The world belongs to the Creator.

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful

to live together in harmony

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O Holy One.

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

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***Introit**

If Anyone Will Follow Me

E. Daley

If anyone will follow me, let them forsake themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.
(Mark 8:34)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, maker of all,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor,

have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life

have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

[Silence]

Sung Response Kyrie Eleison (choir only)

E. Daley

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
(*Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*)

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life,
The lives of others,
And the life of the world.

***May God forgive you,
Christ renew you, and the spirit
Enable you to grow in love.
Amen.***

***Before God, with the people of God,
We confess to our brokenness:
To the ways we wound our lives,
The lives of others,
And the life of the world.***

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.
Amen.

Prayer for God's Help

Move among us, O God; give us life;

let your people rejoice in you.

Make our hearts clean within us;

renew us in mind and in spirit.

Give us again the joy of your help;

with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

Affirmation

With the whole church;

we affirm

that we are made in God's image,

befriended by Christ,

empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere;

we affirm

God's goodness at the heart of humanity,

planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation;

we celebrate

the miracle and wonder of life;

the unfolding purposes of God,

forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Sung Response

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

Behold, behold, I make all things new,

beginning with you

and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new,

My promise is true,

for I am Christ the way.

(John L. Bell, b. 1949)

6.

Anthem

You Are the Christ, O Lord

John Darwall (1731-1789)/E. Daley

You are the Christ, O Lord, the Son of God most high!
Forever be adored that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail.

Oh! Peter was most blest with blessedness unpriced,
who taught of God, confessed the Godhead in the Christ!
For of your church, Lord, you made known
this saint a true foundation stone.

You are the Christ, O Lord, the Son of God most high!
Forever be adored that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail.
(William How, 1823-1897)

Sermon

Human Things and Divine Things

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

***Hymn**

The Earth and All Who Breathe

VU #295

**The earth and all who breathe
exist through love divine,
who formed the sea, the flowering tree,
the wren, the fragrant pine.
Each woman, man, and child
created from the dust
is called to share creation's care,
a sacred, living trust.**

**The good, abundant earth
is ours to tend and keep;
yet land lies waste, consumed in haste,
and hungry children weep.
The nations proudly build
new Babels to the sky.
Their bombs destroy creation's joy,
their missiles terrify!**

**Creation now awaits
 humanity's re-birth
 at last to claim one common aim
 to nurture life on earth.
 Awake, all humankind,
 the challenge now embrace;
 apply your strength, your voice, your means,
 as stewards of God's grace.**

The Passing of the Peace

Introduction of the Offering

Offertory Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth,
 For the beauty of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth
 Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all to thee we raise
 This our joyful hymn of 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: *R*

For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above,
 For all gentle thoughts and mild: *R*

For each perfect gift of thine
 To our race so freely given,
 Graces human and divine,
 Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *R*
 (Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917)

8.

***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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Recessional Hymn Take Up Your Cross**

VU #561

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel;
your Saviour once accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
think not till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

***Benediction**

Go now with a daring and a tender love
Go in peace;
The world is waiting!
And whatever you do, do it for love
And in the name and the spirit of Jesus the Christ
Who walks with us/ leads us/ sometimes even carries us
on every step of our journey.
And now may the love of God who created us,
The example of Christ who bled for us
and the wisdom of the Spirit who inspires us
be with each one of us
now and forever. Amen.

***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

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Mark Your Calendar
~ Season of Creation at Fairlawn Avenue United Church ~

- September 15 Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart
- September 22 Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts and Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart co-presiding
with guest from Emmanuel College, Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg
- September 29 Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart
- October 6 Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts - Blessing of the Animals
Sundance invites you to Fairlawn Avenue United Church at 10:30am
Sunday, October 6. Bring your pet(s), photos of beloved pets, your
stuffies.

Fairlawn is an inclusive, welcoming and affirming community of faith so all pets are welcome. We'll meet on the front lawn, and move into the Assembly Hall if the weather is inclement.

Please ensure your dog is leashed, cats are in carriers, and other pets suitably contained.

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