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Fairlawn Avenue United Church

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Worship Service 10:30am

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts and Rev. Ambury Stuart – Presiding

Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg – Guest Speaker

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** Touch the Earth Lightly

**Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.**

**God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

***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.

4.

***Introit**

This is God's Wondrous World

E. Daley

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.
(Malbie Davenport Babcock, 1858-1901)

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)

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Scripture

John 20: 11-18

Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg

Anthem

Like a Mighty River Flowing

German Carol arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)/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.

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, 1942-1996)

Sermon

Fair Lawn of Jesus

Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg

***Hymn**

God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

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**God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:**

**teach us how to laugh and praise you,
 deep within your praises sing,
 till the whole creation dances
 for the goodness of its King.**

**God who fills the earth with beauty,
 God who binds each friend to friend,
 God who names us co-creators,
 God who wills that chaos end:
 grant us now creative spirits,
 minds responsive to your mind,
 hearts and wills your rule extending
 all our acts by Love refined.**

The Passing of the Peace

Introduction of the Offering

Offertory Anthem Look at the World

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us:
 look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.
 Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
 so many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
 give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
 all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing,
 all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
 look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
 look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
 valley and flowing river, field and plain. *R*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
 bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
 Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season,
 till it is gathered to the Father's fold. *R*

8.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish
comes from the Lord in token of his love;
we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above. *R*
(John Rutter)

***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** Called by Earth and Sky

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

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**Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.**

**Precious this gift of air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.**

**Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our waking, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.**

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky,
called by earth and sky.**

***Benediction**

Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg

***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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