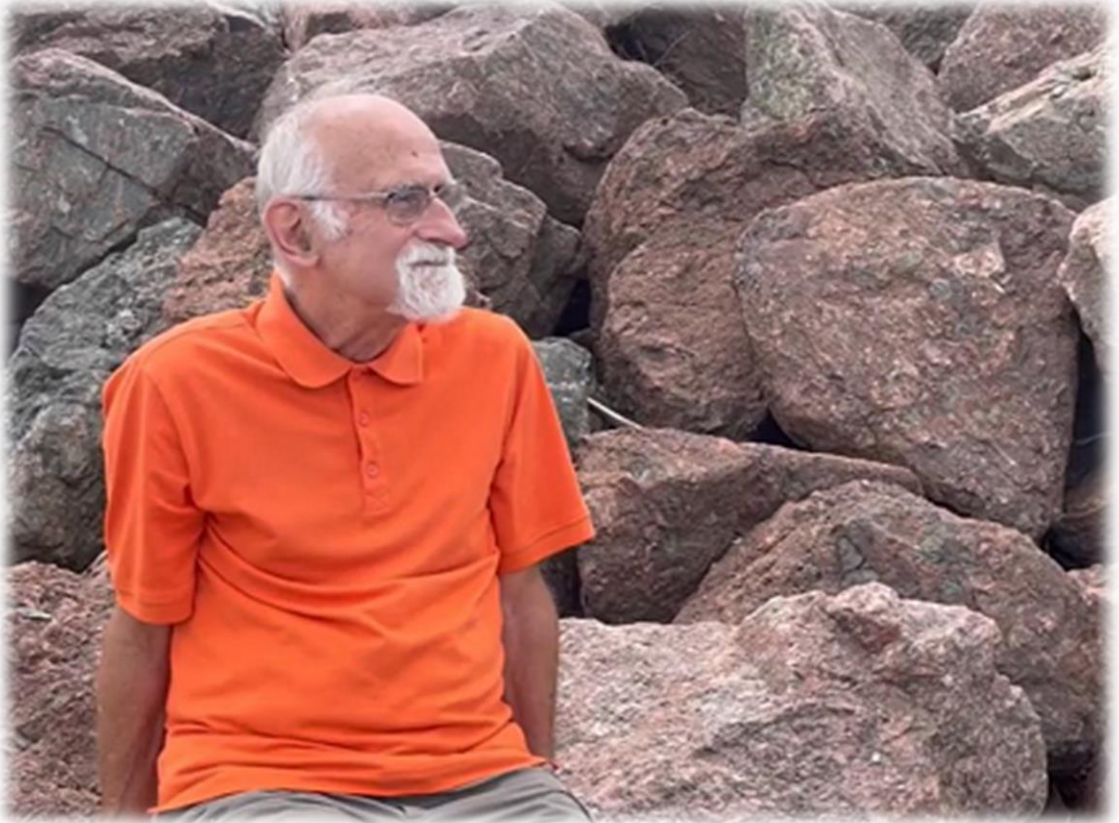




# FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church**  
**Sunday, September 29, 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** O Worship the King

**O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
has stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

**\*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**

We Praise You, We Bless You

E. Daley

We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you,  
for you alone art holy, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high!

**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**

How We Trust and Work Together

R. Gillard/B. Pulkingham/E. Daley

How we trust and work together  
with our partners on this earth,  
will sustain, or damn our planet,  
place of nurture, home of birth.

Yet removed and isolated,  
we have not been stewards of faith,  
as we pray with understanding,  
may we channel active grace.

May our prayer inspire our actions,  
not just words or empty rhyme,  
all our lives are interactive,  
interwoven threads in time.

With a common understanding,  
sisters, brothers, work as one,  
reap the value of creation  
as our time on earth is run.  
(Andrew Pratt, b. 1948)

**Sermon**

Lighting Our Way Through the Climate Crisis

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

**\*Hymn**

O God of Boundless Hope

**O God of boundless hope,  
we need your Spirit's power;  
creation's crisis deepens  
with each passing hour.  
So make us strong  
to speak your word,  
and make it heard,  
and right what's wrong.**

**Too many suffer now  
from fire and wind and rain,  
as livelihoods and homes are lost  
and hope seems vain.**

**Will we ignore  
all those who strive  
just to survive,  
and close our door?**

**The world is changing fast  
and warming year by year;  
a tipping point is close,  
the time to act is here.  
We'll work and pray;  
as nature bleeds  
we'll sow the seeds  
of hope today.**

**Together we will walk  
the new way you reveal;  
our planet cries from wounds  
that love alone can heal.  
Inspire us, Lord,  
to give and care,  
that all may share  
your earth restored.**

(Brian Davis)

## **The Passing of the Peace**

### **Introduction of the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** Make Our Church One Joyful Choir E. Daley

Make our church one joyful choir  
On this glad and festive day,  
And by song invoke the fire  
That invites our hearts to pray:  
*Shape us, Christ, to live and claim  
All it means to bear your name.*

Bend us low by song and prayer,  
Low enough to lift the cross,  
And to take the weight and bear  
Love's uncounted final cost. *R*

8.

Lift us up by song and prayer  
Till the way we deal with loss,  
And our acts and words of care  
Trace the pattern of your cross. *R*

Bend us, lift us, make us strong,  
Send us out with wind and fire,  
So the world may hear the song  
That we offer as your choir. *R*  
(Thomas H. Troeger, 1945-2022)

### **\*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** Let All Things Now Living

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise:  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**\*Benediction****\*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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