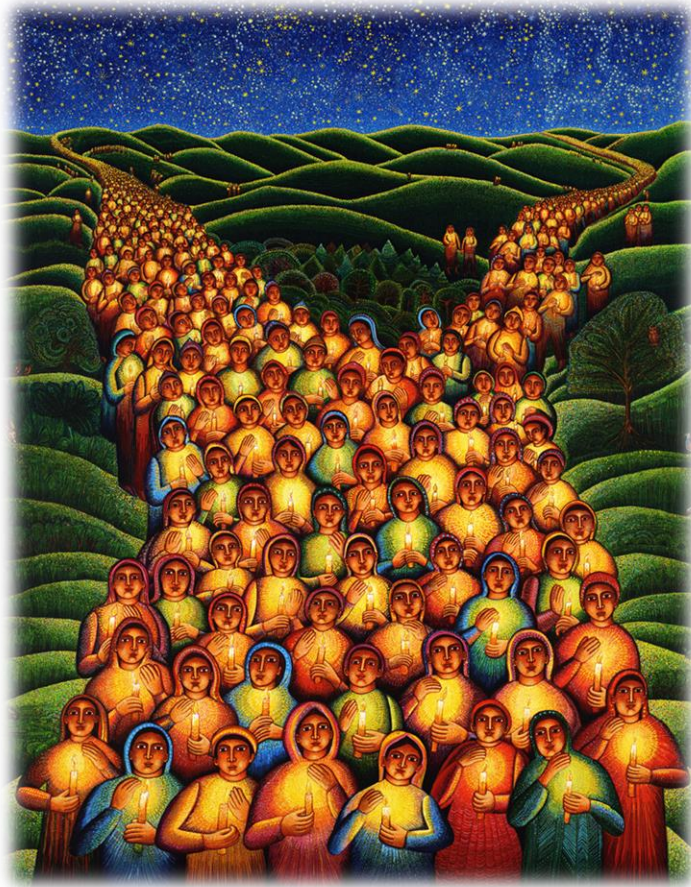




# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
All Saints ~ Pastoral Care Sunday  
Sunday, October 27, 2024  
Worship Service 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts  
Kathy Salisbury and Elaine Pitts – Pastoral Care  
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 and Acknowledgements

### \*Call To Worship Based on Psalm 34

I will bless the One who made me, at all times;  
***praise shall continually be in my mouth.***

My soul makes its boast in the Holy One;  
***let the humble hear and be glad.***

O magnify the Holy One with me,  
***we exalt The Name together.***

I sought the Holy One,  
***and My cries were answered,***  
***I was delivered me from all my fears.***

Look to your Creator, and be radiant; let no shame be on your face.

***This poor soul cried,***  
***I was heard by the People of the Holy One;***  
***they came alongside me in every trouble.***

The messengers who bring us grace form a circle around us,

***bitterness no longer is on my tongue,***  
***I have a refuge in life.***

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

***I am seen and heard by the Holy One.***  
***I never am forgotten.***

***When the righteous, and unrighteous cry for help,***  
***the people of the Holy One hear,***  
***and come alongside in their troubles.***

Through the people of the Holy One

***the Creator is near to the brokenhearted,***  
***and those crushed in spirit.***  
***No matter how many afflictions they endure.***

Our lives are kept intact by those servants,  
***we are redeemed by love to redeem through love.***

Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn**

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

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**Not for tongues of heaven's angels,  
 not for wisdom to discern,  
 not for faith that conquers mountains,  
 for this better gift we yearn:  
 may love be ours, O Lord.**

**Love is humble, love is gentle,  
 love is tender, true, and kind;  
 love is gracious, ever patient,  
 generous of heart and mind:  
 may love be ours, O Lord.**

**Never jealous, never selfish,  
 love will not rejoice in wrong;  
 never boastful nor resentful,  
 love believes and suffers long:  
 may love be ours, O Lord.**

**In the day this world is fading  
 faith and hope will play their part;  
 but when Christ is seen in glory  
 love shall reign in every heart:  
 may love be ours, O Lord.**

**\*Gathering Prayer<sup>[1]</sup>**

**Most holy Friend,  
 awaken every gram of sincerity within us.  
 Kindle the desire to bring to you all we are,  
 and trust you to help us see beyond  
 all earthly ambition and treasure,  
 adore you with a love which is free of guile or calculation.  
 And come to others as open-hearted people,  
 Through Christ Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.**

4.

**\*Introit** Faith, Hope, and Love Abide

E. Daley

Faith, hope and love abide,  
these three; but the greatest of these is love.  
(I Corinthians 13:13)

**Scripture** Mark 10:46-52

New Century Version

The disciples and Jesus came to the town of Jericho. As they were passing through, followed by a crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

When he heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many people warned the blind man to be quiet, but he shouted even more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Tell the man to come here."

So they called the blind man, saying, "Cheer up! Get to your feet. Jesus is calling you."

The blind man jumped up, left his coat there, and went to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, you are healed because you believed."

At once the man could see, and he followed Jesus on the road.

**Anthem** Come to My Heart

E. Daley

Come to my heart, O love divine,  
enter my heart, O joy of mine,  
O sister, brother, let us give  
all we have to offer as we learn to live.

Come, walk beside us along the way,  
 O Saviour, ever with us stay.  
 Grant us the grace of heart, mind and soul,  
 let your Spirit move within to make us whole.

In times of sorrow I will comfort you,  
 ease your pain, refresh anew.  
 In times of joy with you I'll rejoice,  
 in your presence I will lift my heart and voice.

When shadows linger and the eve grows long,  
 help us to hear your loving song,  
 and when the shadows turn to night,  
 we will share your song as darkness turns to light.

Teach us to cherish and help us love  
 all those on earth and in heaven above.  
 Come to our hearts, make our spirits soar,  
 give us grace to love and serve you evermore. Amen.  
 (E. D.)

**Reflection**     What Does It Mean to Care?

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

## **A Celebration of Pastoral Care**

### **The Celebration of the Christ Candle and the Passing of the Peace**

#### **Introduction of Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** The Gift of Love

trad. English melody, arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
 and have the gift to all inspire,  
 and have not love, my words are vain,  
 as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
 and striving so my love profess,  
 but not be given by love within,  
 the profit soon turns strangely thin.

6.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed. Amen.  
(Hal H. Hopson)

### **\*Presentation of 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[2]**

**Loving Creator  
we honour you,  
and we honour all that you have made.  
Renew the whole world  
in the image of your love.**

**Give us what we need for today,  
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.**

**Strengthen us for what lies ahead;  
heal us from the hurts of the past;  
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.**

**For your love is the only power,  
the only home, the only honour we need,  
in this world and in the world to come.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn** Jesus, United By Your Grace

**Jesus, united by your grace,  
and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek your face,  
and know our prayer is heard.**

**Help us to see in each a friend,  
each other's cross to bear:  
let all their friendly aid extend,  
and feel the other's care.**

**Up unto you, our living head,  
let us in all things grow,  
till you have made us free indeed,  
and faithful here below.**

**Drawn by the lodestone of your love,  
let all our hearts unite;  
let us toward each other move,  
and move toward your light.**

**\*Sending Out** Lunch Hour Christ[3]

I see him busking in the mall,  
where people hustle by,  
his oboe plays a haunting tune  
that keeps my woes at bay.

***I watch his eyes upon the crowd  
that mass of many moods,  
he seems to play for one and all  
as if they each were gods.***

His tune keens down to secret depths,  
then joys above the stars,  
but few are hearing any sound  
their minds fixed on their cares.

***I watch him busking in the mall,  
his oboe tunes my soul.  
There are a few coins at his feet  
but grace is not for sale.***

8.

I leave him busking in the mall  
although its starts to rain,  
the shoppers run for dry arcades  
while he plays on alone.

***He's waiting there at home for me  
when I come in the door,  
He asks me how my day turned out  
and I kneel on the floor.***

### \*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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