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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
All Saints' Sunday
October 29, 2023 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
Rev. Jean Ward
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Anne Fraser, Guest Pianist
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

There is a table at the front of the sanctuary with tealight candles on it. They are unlit and are for you to take home and kindle as you carry the light of the Christ Candle. We invite you, during the passing of the peace, to pick yours up and share with one other person the name of a saint who has shaped who you are as a person of faith. When you get home, you may light the candle and rejoice in the light they have shared with you.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Prelude

And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears (from *Requiem*)

E. Daley

Soprano 1 – Amy Dodington

Soprano 2 – Suzanne Coultres

Alto 1 – Alison Roy

Alto 2 – Lynn Featherstone

I heard a voice out of heaven saying,
 “Behold, the dwelling of God is with all people,
 And God shall dwell with them,
 And they shall be God’s people.
 God shall be with them,
 And the voice of weeping shall no more be heard;
 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
 And there shall be no more death,
 Neither sorrow, nor crying,
 Neither shall there be any more pain,
 For the former things are passed away”.
 (Revelation 21:3,4)

*Processional Hymn For All the Saints

***For all the saints who from their labours rest,
 all who by faith before the world confessed,
 your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***For all the saints whose labours just begun,
 who work for peace, and heal the broken ones,
 they daily strive to honour God’s own Son.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***Weep not for loved ones who have gone before,
 they have but entered through a sacred door,
 they love and guide us as they did before.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day,
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!***

***Gathering Prayer¹**

Time runs in circles and cycles.

Day follows night.

Weeks turn into months.

Months into years.

One generation follows another.

Our lives are locked and linked by time.

In all our living, may we be freed
to see things afresh,
to be more fully alive,
and have the courage to keep faith in
the future of humanity.

***We are grateful for the generations that have gone before us,
especially people of vision, imagination and creativity.***

***We know there are still discoveries to be made
and problems to be solved.***

***May we not betray the trust given to us,
but be prepared to take our place
in the circle of time.***

***We ask to be people of faith
in the sphere of Creation.***

***Introit**

The Souls of the Righteous

E. Daley

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch the saints of the Lord.
(Wisdom 3:1)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-13

The Inclusive Bible

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price!

Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you will eat well,
you will delight in rich fare.
Bend your ear, and come to me;
listen, that you may have life.
I will make with an everlasting covenant with you—
in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David.

See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the nations.

See, you summon nations you never knew,
and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you—
for the sake of YHWH, the Holy One of Israel,
who will glorify you.

Seek me, YHWH, while I may still be found,
call upon me while I am near!
Let the corrupt abandon their ways,
the evil their thoughts;
let them return YHWH, and I will have mercy on them;
return to God, for I will freely pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says YHWH.
 As high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so high are my ways above your ways
 and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down
 and do not return there
 till they have watered the earth,
 making it fertile and fruitful,
 giving seed to the sower and bread for food,
 so will my word be
 that goes forth from my mouth;
 it will not return to me empty,
 but will carry out my will,
 achieving the end for which I sent it.

And you shall go out joyfully,
 and be led out in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 will break into cries of joy
 and all the trees in the countryside
 will clap their hands.
 The cypress will grow in place of the thorn bush
 the myrtle will replace the briers;
 and they will stand as a memorial to YHWH
 an everlasting sign never to be destroyed.

Anthem

Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise
 Anne Fraser – Piano

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Give us the wings of faith to rise
 within the veil, and see
 the saints above, how great their joys,
 how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
 they, with united breath,
 ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
 their triumph to his death.

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They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their quest;
and following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.
(Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)

Reflection Uncaring

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

***Hymn** Let All Creation Bless the Lord

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***Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold, and heat:
exalt the God who made you.***

***All living things upon the earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe water-life, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.***

***O men and women everywhere;
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell out salvation's story.
No tongue be silent, sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart:
exalt the God who made you.***

Living Our Mission and 'More Than One Story'

Peace of the Christ Candle

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

O Lord, support us all the day long,
 until the shadows lengthen, and evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
 and our work is done.

Then in thy great mercy grant us safe lodging,
 and holy rest, and peace at the last;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 (Book of Common Prayer)

***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.***

***Sending Out**

Go out joyfully,
 be led out in peace;
 look to the mountains and the hills before you
 and listen for the echoes of joy in Creation.

In the woods listen to the tree branches rubbing
 and snapping together
 as though clapping at your presence.

Walk in a world in which you are celebrated and welcome.
 See how beauty can be found replacing pain
 how you bring balm to thickets of suffering.
 See yourself as a saint,
 an everlasting memorial to the Holy One
 who wills peace for Creation.

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***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

¹ Marjorie Dobson and Rex A. E. Hunt, adapted with permission

You Are Invited

to the Covenanting Service between Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
and Fairlawn Avenue United Church and the Shining Waters
Regional Council of the United Church of Canada

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm

Reception to follow

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