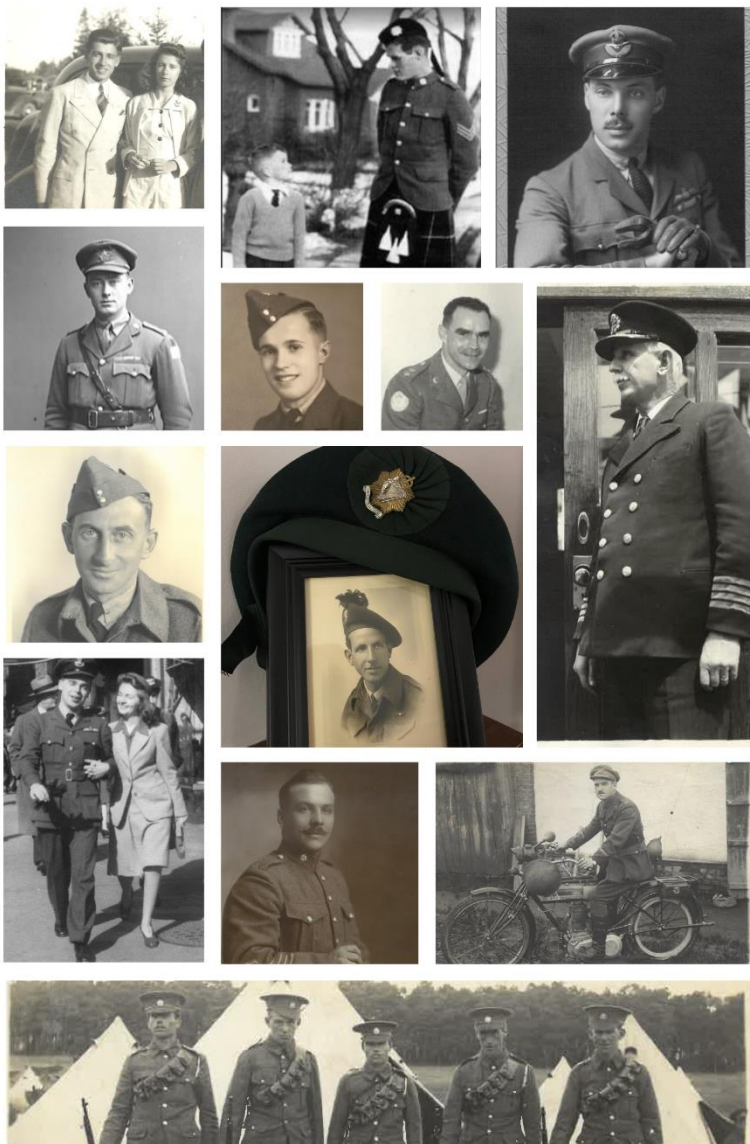




# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue  
United Church  
Remembrance Sunday  
November 12, 2023 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts  
Rev. Jean Ward  
Eleanor Daley,  
Director of Music  
Sam Cancellara, Trumpet  
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

## Welcome and Acknowledgements

**\*Processional Hymn** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.*

**Gathering Prayer** from Psalm 8

O HOLY ONE, our Ascendant One,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.***

When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

***Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them care over the works of your hands;  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.***

***O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

## Introit

Prayer for Peace

E. Daley

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
for there is none other that watcheth over us,  
but Thou, O Lord.  
(Book of Common Prayer, 1549  
adapted by E.D.)

## \*O Canada

(If you wish, it is appropriate to sing "Our home and native land"  
or "Our home on native land")

VU #524

***O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all our lives command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
the True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.***

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## **Act of Remembrance**

**Remembrance Photo Montage** Ready to Fly

Elaine, Lambert & Karl

**Reading**

They Shall Grow Not Old<sup>1</sup>

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

***We will remember them.***

**\*Last Post**

**\*Two Minutes of Silence**

**\*Reveille**

## **Scripture Readings**

Genesis 1:26-28

(The Inclusive Bible)

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground."

Humankind was created as God's reflection:  
In the divine image God created them;  
female and male, God made them.

God blessed them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things here on earth!"

Philippians 2:1-8

(The Inclusive Bible)

If our life in Christ means anything to you—if love, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy can persuade you at all—then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing that would make me completely happy.

There must be no competition among you, no conceit, but everyone is to be humble: value others over yourselves, each of you thinking of the interests of others before your own.

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus,

Christ, though in the image of God,  
 did not deem equality with God  
 something to be clung to,  
 but instead became completely empty  
 and took on the image of oppressed humankind:

Born into the human condition,  
 Found in the likeness of a human being  
 Jesus was thus humbled,  
 Obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!

## **Anthem**

In Flanders Fields

E. Daley

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
 between the crosses row on row  
 that mark our place; and in the sky  
 the larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 we lived, felt dawn, sunset glow,  
 loved and were loved, and now we lie  
 in Flanders fields.

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Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
to you from failing hands we throw  
the torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
in Flanders fields.  
(John McCrae, 1872-1918)

**Reflection**

The Ground Shall Give Forth

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

**\*Hymn**

Abide with Me

VU #436

***Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.***

***Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.***

***I need your presence every passing hour;  
what but your grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like yourself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.***

***I have no fear with you at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?  
I triumph still, if you abide with me.***

***Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.***

**Peace of the Christ Candle**

## Introduction of the Offering

**Offertory Anthem** God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)  
arr. E. Daley

God, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we sow love.

Where there is doubt, may we sow faith,  
where there is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where there is night, may we sow light,  
where there are tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly.  
For in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live and are re-born  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
God, make us servants of your peace  
to wake at last in heaven's light.  
(St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226  
paraphrased by James Quinn, 1919-2010)

## \*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.***

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**\*Sending Out<sup>2</sup>**

The end is not yet.  
Go on your way,  
trusting God to do the best that is possible for you  
and for humanity.

***Amen!***

Christ is near at hand.  
Go on your way expectantly,  
ready to encounter Christ in stranger and loved one,  
enemy and friend.

***Amen!***

Don't be afraid.  
Go on your way serenely,  
for there is nothing ahead that God has not anticipated  
and provided for.

***Amen!***

**\*Recessional** Let There Be Light

VU #679 (verses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6)

***Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face.***

***Open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord,  
opening into grace.***

***Perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain.***



***Your kingdom come,  
your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together,  
your spirit never fade.***

***Let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.***

**\*Benediction**

From Paper Wings by Rosemary Clewes

In the dawn the pilot flies inside a priceless sky,  
his paper wings no thicker than a skin of ice –  
mere dot in elemental heaven.  
What charm can hold its own  
against the events unfolding in the killing dome,  
his face tight as a drum with cold?  
And while war's pestle grinds  
its creed with canteen monotony on the ground,  
he knows he is the hunter and the hunted  
for the killing minds of cold calculation.

Who would not be mitted to the idea of his life?

***We would wrap all hands in mittens that none desire to nor need  
fight for warmth.***

**Postlude**

Bist du bei mir  
Sam Cancellara – Trumpet

Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel, 1690-1749  
(often attributed to J. S. Bach, 1685-1750)

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<sup>1</sup>from *For The Fallen*, Laurence Binyon

<sup>2</sup> Bruce Prewer, adapted, with permission

Our heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who submitted photos and letters from family members and loved ones and allowed us to share these memories in the photo montage created for this Remembrance Sunday worship service. Lest We Forget.



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