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Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, June 16, 2024
Father's Day Communion
Worship Service 10:30am

Rev. Jean Ward
"The Ideas That Make Us Grow"
Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
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 Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Processional Hymn** | Come with Joy

VU #477

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that makes us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

***Gathering Prayer**^[1]

Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
in the light of the moon and patterns of stars
in sacred mountain rifts and ancient groves
in mighty seas and creatures of the deep.

Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
in the light of eyes we love
in the salt of tears we have tasted
in weathered countenances east and west
in the soft skin glow of the child everywhere.

Whichever way we turn, O God, there is your face
there is your face
among us.

***Introit**

O Thou Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray

E. Daley

O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray
 that thy church might be forever one,
 grant that we may all one bread, one body be,
 one through this sacrament of unity.
 (William H. Turton, 1856-1938)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus often withdrew to pray,
 a quiet spot, a welcome rest.
Then he would return to his friends,
to those who loved and followed him.

Jesus always remembered the community
 which held and shouldered him.
So let us remember each other
and the love which binds us.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

4.

Scriptures

Mark 10:13-16

Common English Bible

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

Luke 19:1-10

Common English Bible

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

Poem

My Father's Hands

by Zeina Azzam

They were not large, but thick
fleshy workers in the garden
nursing eggplants and fennel,
okra and chard,
digging and tilling and weeding,
making the soil an obliging host.

Maybe that's what made
his fingers rough in spots,
or maybe it was the constant leafing
through books: a loving lick
and a flip-flap of the page
in search of nuggets
that would be turned over and over
in his mind.



After he died
 I found bookmarks between pages
 carefully pointing
 like tags next to seedlings in the earth:
 These are the plants I hoped for.
 These are the ideas that made me grow.

Anthem

Rise Up, My Love
 Senior Choir Men

E. Daley

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
 For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
 The flowers appear upon the earth;
 The time of the singing of birds is come.
 Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
 (Song of Solomon 2:10b-12a)

Reflection

The Ideas That Make Us Grow

Rev. Jean Ward

***Hymn**

Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

VU #623

**Dear weaver of our lives' design
 whose patterns all obey,
 with skillful fingers gently guide
 the sturdy threads that will survive
 the tangle of our days,
 the tangle of our days.**

**Take up the fabric of our lives
 with hands that gently hold;
 bind in the ragged edge that care
 would sunder and that pain would tear,
 and mend our ravelling souls,
 and mend our ravelling souls.**

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
 a hidden beauty see
 discern in us our richest hues,
 show us the patterns we may use
 to set our spirits free,
 to set our spirits free.**

6.

Introduction of Offering and Offertory

***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

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Anthem Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Processionale, Paris, 1697
arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
 Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
 Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee.
 (Vvs. 1-3 Thomas Lynch, 1818-1871 alt., vs. 4, K.L.S.)

***Recessional Hymn** O Joy of God

VU #407

**O joy of God, we seek you in the morning
 and long to see the glory of your face:
 rise on our darkness with your sun's new dawning.
 Flood all our being in this feast of grace.**

**O life of God, for you our spirits hunger;
 unless we feed on you we surely die:
 with love and faith renewed and hope grown younger,
 send us from here to serve you, God most high.**

**O peace of God, you pass our understanding;
 safe through each moment keep us every day:
 with joy divine and mercy never ending,
 direct our path and prosper all our way.**

***Blessing**(2) May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,
 half-truths, superficial relationships,
 so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice,
 oppression and exploitation of people,
 so that you will work for justice, equity, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed
 for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation
 and war
 so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them
 and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think
 that you can make a difference in the world,
 so that you will do the things which others tell you
 cannot be done.

8.

*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) From *"Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace,"* 2011 by John Philip Newell

(2) From *"Paradox Blessing"* Celtic Daily Prayer, Book 2

Mark Your Calendar!

As you know, Rev. Jean Ward's time with Fairlawn is coming to a close. We will celebrate Jean with a party after service on Sunday, June 23. We want to send her off with special memories and invite you write a message to Jean. Perhaps you recall a story that illustrates what her time at Fairlawn has meant to you, or how she has enriched our community of faith, maybe you remember a funny anecdote, or simply wish to write words of thanks. A Memory Box for submissions is in the church office and will be at the back of the sanctuary next Sunday, June 23.

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