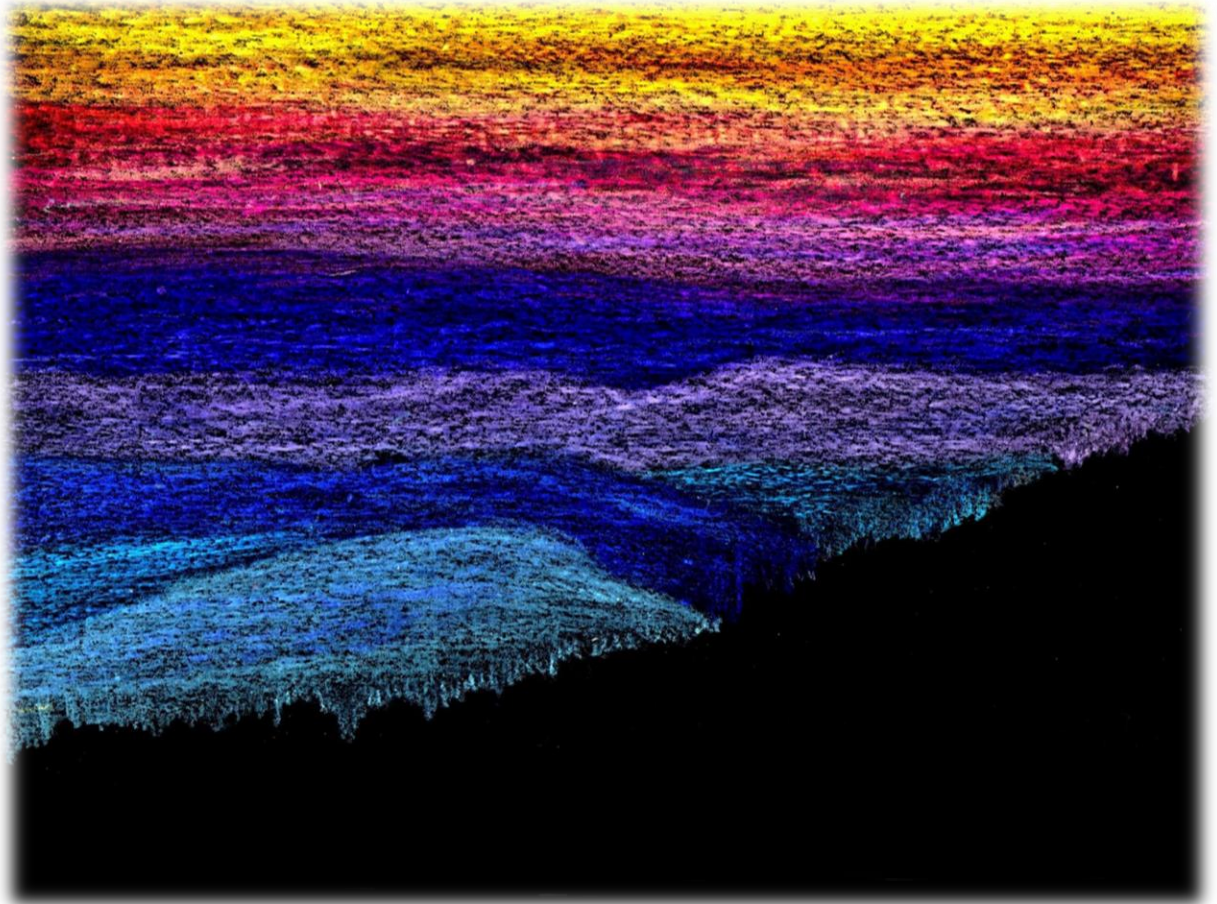




# FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Second Sunday of Lent & PIE Day  
Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:30am**

**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

**\*Opening Hymn** Through the Heart of Every City

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**Through the heart of every city runs the flow of human need.  
'Mid this glass and steel are pulsing smold'ring wick and bruised reed.  
Has our church a word to offer, some hope shining from our creed?  
Walking through the concrete furrows Jesus sows the Word as seed.**

**Through the passing generations, in their spirit, flesh and bone,  
Jesus Christ becomes incarnate, holy hearts are living stone  
building here a house of refuge as a temple, as a home.  
So within the city's shadow Jesus' planted Word has grown.**

**Through our worship and our witness, Jesus, grant that we may still  
hear the heartbeat of compassion calling us to do your will.  
You, our vine, and we, your branches, deadened not by any chill,  
working for that final city where the harvest is fulfilled.**

## A Confession [1]

There is a sound, God,  
when grief spills from the corner of an eye,  
and stains the earth with its wetness.  
It is not a quiet sound,  
although it may be difficult to hear,  
and it is not a strange sound;  
we know its compelling rhythms all too well,  
because it is, after all, the sound of your voice.

You fill every tear with your nail-scarred presence,  
and breathe into every gasp,  
your comforting Spirit.  
And in every broken voice, you call,  
inviting us to find you  
in the weeping.

Thank you for the grace that shouts  
in the pain of our world,  
and that teaches us to listen for life  
in the sound of tears.

**Introit** The Lord is My Light

E. Daley

The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
(Psalm 27:1)

**Scripture**

Luke 13:31-35

New Century Version

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Go away from here! Herod wants to kill you!"

Jesus said to them, "Go tell that fox Herod, 'Today and tomorrow I am forcing demons out and healing people. Then, on the third day, I will reach my goal.'

"Yet I must be on my way today and tomorrow and the next day. Surely it cannot be right for a prophet to be killed anywhere except in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone to death those who are sent to you. Many times I wanted to gather your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not let me. Now your house is left completely empty. I tell you, you will not see me until that time when you will say, 'God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**Anthem**

Jerusalem! (from *St. Paul*)

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Arr. E. Daley

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Thou that killest the Prophets,  
thou that stonest them which are sent unto thee;  
how often would I have gathered unto Me thy children,  
and ye would not, and ye would not!  
(Luke 13:34)

**Reflection**

The Pragmatism of Lent

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

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## Passing the Peace

### Introduction of the Offering

#### Offertory Anthem Who at My Door is Standing?

English Folk Song  
Arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,  
who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darken'd, all filled with dust and sin;  
how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling; "Now open the door for me!"  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me.  
Dear Lord, abide with me.  
(Mary Slade, 1826-1882)

#### \*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.**

#### Another Confession [2]

And now, O God, you ask faith of us:  
The faith to count ourselves among the least,  
**to find our place alongside the poor and broken;**  
The faith to trust in your mercy and your promises,  
**and to share what we have received;**  
The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice and equity,  
**together with those who most need its gifts.**

***Teach us to be children of Abram,  
sharers of the blessings we enjoy:***

The blessing of plenty

***shared with those who have need,***

The blessing of healing

***shared with those who are sick and wounded,***

The blessing of joy

***shared with those who celebrate***

and of tears

***shared with those who grieve.***

The blessing of friendship

***shared with those who are excluded,  
and of solidarity with those who fight injustice,***

The blessing of peace

***shared with those in conflict,  
and of confrontation shared with those who bring harm;***

***And, in some small way, may our faith and our sharing,  
help to bring your promises into being  
in our world.***

**\*Closing Hymn** Are You a Shepherd?

**Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?**

***Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.***

**Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
challenging students to offer their best?**

***Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.***

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**Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.**

***Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.***

**\*Sending Out [3]**

Life can be tough to navigate,  
so much that is uncertain,  
so much that is unpredictable;  
so many detours,  
so many uncharted paths;

And yet, amazingly, you do not leave us to find our way alone;  
In your grace we find a path,  
a compass,  
a guide;

Your grace is a shelter, open for anyone who wants in,  
and it does offer protection  
from the worst of whatever storms we may face.

**\*Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**O Lord, throughout this time of Lent,  
may we close by you stay,  
we walk with you, as we await  
the joy of Easter Day.**  
(E. D.)

**Postlude**

[1] John van der Laar, with permission

[2] Ibid

[3] Ibid



**Last day for  
donations is  
Monday,  
April 7th!**

Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
62nd Annual

# BOOK SALE

Thursday, April 24, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 25, 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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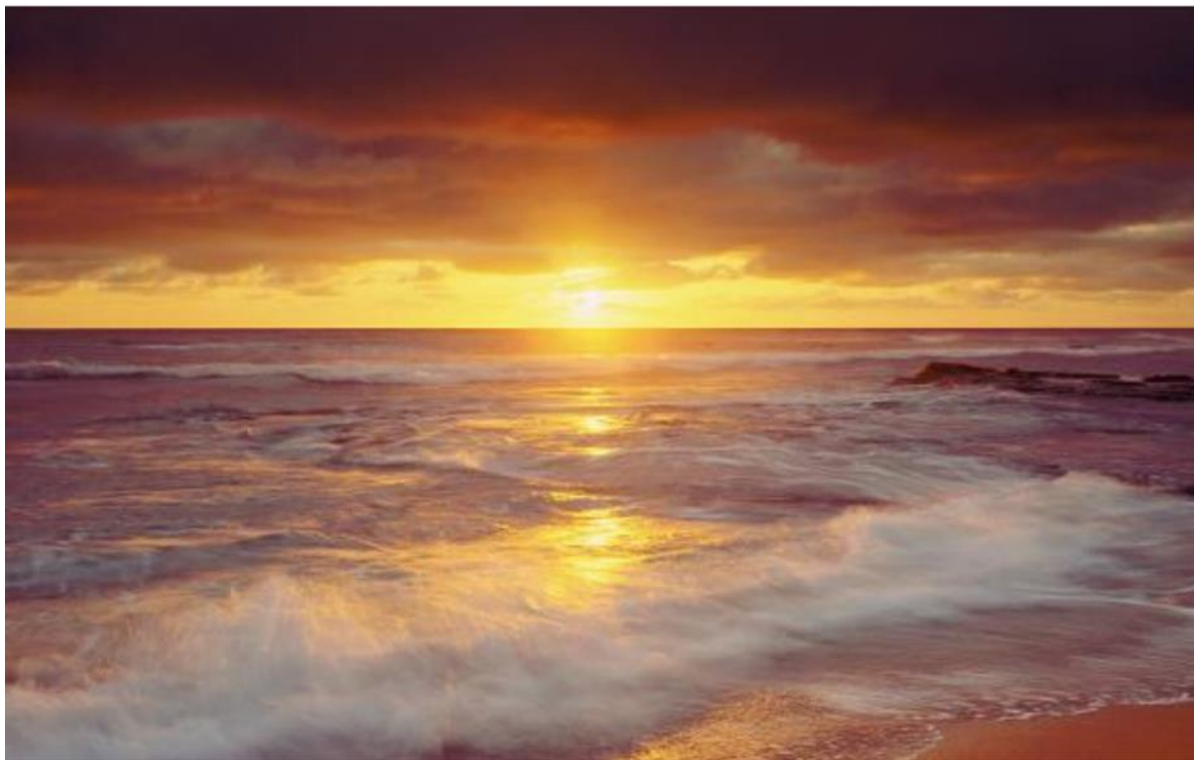
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# *Requiem*

by K. Lee Scott

with

Chamber Orchestra



**Sunday, March 30 at 10:30am**