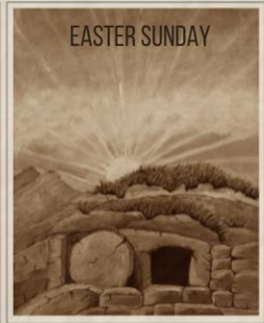
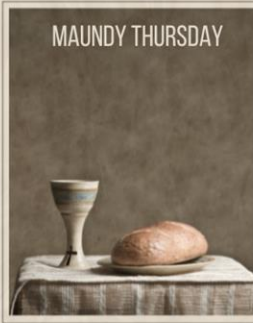
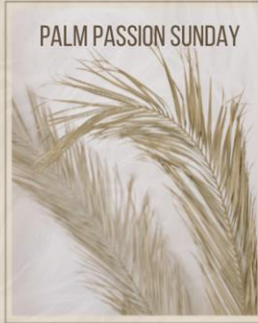




FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Good Friday
Friday, April 18, 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**.

Everything is OK

Reader: Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

I feel so lost and overwhelmed. Everything is falling apart. How will I ever get through this? I feel so incredibly sad lately...it's like a dark and aching kind of sadness. Sometimes the thoughts in my head can get too overwhelming. I'm so exhausted. Today is one of those days when I am having all the feelings at once. Even if the world around me is silent, it's always loud inside my head. But, at the end of the day, love wins.

(from *Everything is OK*, Debbie Tung, 2022, Andrews McMeel)

*Opening Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU #135

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.**

First Reading

Mark 14:32-42
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Reader: Amanda Hancox

Silent Reflection

Anthem

My Soul is Exceeding Sorrowful

E. Daley

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death;
Tarry ye here and watch with me;
Now shall ye see the multitude come upon me,
Ye shall flee, and I go to be sacrificed for you.
Behold the hour is at hand,
And the Son of man is betrayèd into the hands of sinners.
(from Responsaries for the Offices of Tenebrae)

Silent Reflection

3.

Second Reading

Mark 14:43-50
The Arrest of Jesus

Reader: Mason Lang

Silent Reflection

Third Reading

Mark 14:53-65
Jesus Before the Council

Reader: Rosemary Clewes

Silent Reflection

Duet

I Don't Like It (from *Along the Way*) E. Daley/Rev. Charles Miller (1941-2009)
Caiaphas – Giles Tomkins
Annas – Willis Bote

*I don't like it, I tell you, I don't think it's wise,
A wolf in sheep's clothing, that's his disguise,
I don't like it, I tell you, I don't think it's wise,
it's time that we cut him down to his size.*

For all that we know now, he's grabbing at power,
take him and try him in this very hour!
No need to look further, he's right in our hands,
him and his followers, that idiot band! *R*

This Jesus is trouble, he's causing a stir,
inciting the rabble, of that I am sure.
He makes me nervous, now's the right day,
it could get dangerous, through needless delay. *R*

Silent Reflection

Fourth Reading

Mark 14:66-72
Peter Denies Jesus

Reader: Margaret Harper

Silent Reflection

Fifth Reading

Luke 23:1-5, 13-23
Jesus Before Pilate

Reader: Jessica Baugniet

Silent Reflection

4.

Anthem

Before Pilate (from *Olivet to Calvary*)
Pilate – Phil Smith

J. H. Maunder (1858-1920)

Chorus: Then came Jesus forth from the judgment hall
wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe,

Pilate: And Pilate said, "Behold your King!"

Chorus: And they cried out saying, "Crucify Him!
He stirreth up the people, Crucify Him!"

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"

Chorus: "We have no king but Caesar!
Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas.
Away with this man, Crucify Him!"

Pilate: "Take ye Him, and crucify Him.
For I find no fault in him at all."

Silent Reflection

Sixth Reading

Matthew 27:24-26
Jesus is Sentenced to Death

Reader: Jessica Baugniet

Silent Reflection

Anthem

O My People (excerpt from *The Reproaches*)
Soprano – Amy Dodington
Tenor – Mark Wood-Salomon

John Sanders (1933-2003)

*O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I bore you up with manna in the desert,
but you struck me down and scourged me.
I gave you saving water from the rock,
but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. *R*

I gave you a royal sceptre,
but you gave me a crown of thorns.
I raised you to the height of majesty,
but you have raised me high on a cross. *R*

Silent Reflection

Hymn*O Sacred Head**

VU #145

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish,
which once was bright as morn!**

**Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the cruel pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,
turn not from me thy face;
but look on me with favour,
and grant to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never,
never outlive my love to thee.**

**Be near when I am dying,
O show thy cross to me;
and for my succour flying,
come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall not remove,
for all who die believing,
die safely through thy love.**

Silent Reflection

6.

Seventh Reading

Luke 23:26, 32-43
Jesus is Crucified

Reader: Kevin Doe

Silent Reflection

Anthem

In His Mother's Eyes
Mezzo Soprano – Andrea Ludwig

E. Daley

Stabat mater dolorosa juxta crucem lacrimosa,
Vidit suum dulcem natum moriendo desolatum.
(Translation: The sorrowful mother stood beside the Cross weeping.
She saw her sweet Son dying, forsaken.)

High on Calvary's hill, forsaken,
Christ our Lord to death drew near,
with a cry at last to his Father
that they did not seem to hear.

*In his mother's eyes is the sorrow,
in his mother's eyes is the depth of love.
Sight made dim by tears unending,
clearly seeing though God's will be done.*

Full of grief, the Mother weeping by the cross where hung her Son,
dying and abandoned there, her only child, the chosen one.

People unredeemed and ungrateful,
blind to see this act of sacrifice,
know they not this man whom they taunted,
will for them open paradise. *R*
(Charlotte Lee, used with permission, Stabat Mater adapted E. D.)

Silent Reflection

Eighth Reading

Mark 15:33-37
The Death of Jesus

Reader: Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

Silent Reflection

Anthem

Behold, We Have Seen Him

Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness,
his form is gone from him,

he hath borne our sins and his sorrows are for us,

he was wounded for our transgressions,

and with his stripes we are healèd.

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,

and with his stripes we are healèd.

(from Responsaries for the Offices of Tenebrae/Isaiah 53:4, 5 excerpted)

Silent Reflection***Hymn**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

VU #149

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Scattering

When you are ready, please leave the church in silence.

There are offering plates in the sanctuary for those wishing to make a donation. Thank you.
This morning's scripture readings are from *The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*

EASTER at Fairlawn



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20

9:00am Breakfast \$5 / person



Easter Sunday

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10:30am Communion Service

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