



# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Sunday October 12, 2025 10:30am  
Thanksgiving**

**Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart  
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music  
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir**

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\*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.  
Congregational responses indicated in ***bold italics*** and unison in **bold** text.

## **Welcome and Acknowledgement**

**\*Processional Hymn** VU #516 (verses 1, 2 and 4) Come, You Thankful People, Come

## **Call to Worship**

Holy and Eternal God, for the work of your Spirit amongst the first peoples of this land  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For pioneers and explorers who faced the unknown,  
who were drawn by wonder,  
hope and a vision of different people living together in peace and justice  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For those whose labour had fed us,  
clothed us and built for us homes and communities  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For parents and grandparents, builders and creators,  
and all of those who served faithfully in communities and governments  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For Canada and Canadians of all provinces and territories,  
and for all that has caused them to be honoured in the worldwide community of nations  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For all who with vision, courage and perseverance,  
speak prophetic and pastoral words so that the rest of us may see the wounded,  
those pushed aside and neglected, and honour and respect them as our sisters  
and brothers.  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For children and youth who will claim this day and tomorrow as their own  
and build in turn for their children and their children's children  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For these critical times in which you call us to choose life over death and blessings  
instead of curses  
***We give you thanks and praise***

For this day, for this land and for all your goodness to us

***We give you thanks and praise***

And now, gracious and loving God, open our hearts to truly sing your praise,  
and give us the will to live the gratitude we know.

***Amen.***

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Open your hearts to the light of God's presence.

***We will walk in the light.***

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Opening Prayer**

**Introit**            Sing to the Lord of Harvest

E. Daley

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of praise,  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
(John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1811-1875)

### **Sharing Peace**

**Anthem**            Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Henry Clark

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ.

For the blessings of the fields, for the stores the garden yields,  
flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain.

All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,  
all that liberal autumn pours from her rich o'erflowing stores.

These to thee, O God, we owe, source from whence our blessings flow;  
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise,  
praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days.  
(Anna L. Barbauld, 1743-1825)

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**Sermon**

Thanks be to God: For Canada  
(Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9)

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

**\*O Canada**

**O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us 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.**

**Introduction of Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** | Sing the Mighty Power

attr. Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)/Daley

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the One who filled the earth with food;  
who formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.  
O God, your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye;  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.  
(Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)

**\*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 and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn** VU #522 Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest

**\*Blessing**

**\*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**

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