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**Fairlawn Avenue
United Church
Sunday,
October 19, 2025
10:30am**

**Thanks be to God:
for the United Church
of Canada**

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

2. *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 #331 The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

Call to Worship

The World belongs to God!

The Earth and all its people

How good it is, how wonderful

To live together in harmony.

Love and faith come together

Justice and Peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips O God

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

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 Holy Spirit, Source of Love

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Holy Spirit, source of love,
who, to us, came from above,
gift of blessing to bestow
on your waiting church below:
once again in love draw near
to your servants gathered here.
(William D. Maclagan, 1826-1910)

Sharing Peace

Anthem Canticle of Thanksgiving

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Benedictus Dominus: Lord, we thank you for all creation,
we worship you, we honour you, we bless your Holy Name forever.

Lord, you were there before the hills and mountains,
you formed the earth, you made the sea and sky;
you are God, our strength and our salvation
through a thousand ages passing by.

The earth is yours, and all that is within it,
you gave it life and ev'ry gift so fair;
in the wealth and wonder of creation
you were there, Lord, you were there.

Lord, we are called as servants in your kingdom
to do your work, and not to seek for rest,
share each load, and bear each other's burdens,
that our lives may be for ever blest.

Lord, you are there in gentleness and goodness,
in kindly thoughts and quiet words of prayer:
in the love which binds us all together
you are there, Lord, you are there.

Lord, who can tell the greatness of your glory,
or who can sing the fullness of your praise?
You are God, immortal and eternal;
grant us strength to serve you all our days.

Through all the years your goodness never failed us:
in times of joy and days of dark despair
you were there, the One who never changes;
you were there, Lord, you still are there, Lord;
you will be there, Lord, you always will be there.
(John Rutter)

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Sermon Thanks be to God: For the United Church of Canada
(Scripture John 17:20-23)

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

***Hymn** VU #601 The Church of Christ in Every Age

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem The Size of Your Heart

E. Daley

The size of your heart is the size of your life,
For out of your heart comes the kind of your life,
The way you reach out to the world all around,
Is first in your heart to be found.

So if in your heart there is plenty of room
For love and compassion to come into bloom;
Their fragrance flows out through all that you do,
Healing the hurt and making new.

The ones who this know have helped all of us grow,
As those who spread light to God's great delight,
Dispelling the dark and then freeing the heart,
'Till each one becomes God's daughter, son.

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Is first in your heart to be found.
(Rev. Charles Miller, 1941-2009)

***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.
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy 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 #512 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (verses 1, 3, 4 and 5)

***Benediction**

***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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