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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, October 26, 2025 10:30am**

**Thanks be to God: For Fairlawn Avenue United Church
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 #389 God is Here (verses 1, 2 and 4)

***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 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

E. Daley

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.
(Tate & Brady, 1696)

Sharing Peace

Anthem Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of humankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind Thou art,
how good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
and through eternity.
(Latin, medieval, Tr.: Edward Caswall, 1814-1870)

Sermon Thanks be to God: For Fairlawn Avenue United Church
(Scripture Matthew 25:14-30)

Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

***Hymn** VU #603 In Loving Partnership We Come

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you, ever in the palm of his hand.
(Traditional Irish)

4.

***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** U #595 We Are Pilgrims (verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

***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**

Please join Ambury during coffee hour at the back of the sanctuary for a post-service discussion. Ask questions, share insights on the sermon, the scripture reading, and anything else for that matter! This is a rich opportunity to gather, talk and learn.



A Portrait in Song – The Music of Eleanor Daley

The internationally acclaimed Elmer Iseler Singers, under the direction of Lydia Adams, C.M., proudly present *A Portrait in Song: The Music of Eleanor Daley* on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 4:00pm, at Eglinton St. George's United Church.

The brilliant work of composer Eleanor Daley has been celebrated and sung by choirs across Canada and throughout the world. We celebrate this most beloved and cherished of Canada's composers through works written with the warmth and stunning beauty which is a hallmark of Eleanor Daley's writing.

Works performed will include Eleanor's major masterpiece, Requiem and other masterworks 'The Angels Will Guide You Home'; Paradise and Prayer for Peace, among many.

Tickets from \$30 Tickets available www.elmerisellersingers.com or at the door.

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