



FAIRLAWN

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Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, November 16, 2025 10:30am

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

2.

*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Responsive Invitation to Worship [1]

From the corners of this city,
from the confusion of life,
from the loneliness of our hearts
Gather us, O Creator.

To feed our minds,
to fire our imagination,
to free our hearts
Gather us, O Creator.

*Opening Hymn VU #333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Responsive Prayer of Approach from Psalm 126

*Our lives are filled with disbelief.
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;*

then it was said among the nations,
'The Holy One has done great things for them.'
*The Holy One has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Creator,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.*

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their harvest.
Our lives are filled with laughter.

Introit Restore Us, O God

Restore us, O God,
let your face shine,
that we might be saved!
(Psalm 80:19)

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

Reader: Kathleen Magladry

Anthem Walk Softly

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

When we assemble here to worship God,
to sing His praises and to hear His word,
we will walk softly.

With purity of heart; and with clean hands,
our souls are free, we're free from evil's bands,
we will walk softly.

While we are passing thro' the sacred door,
into the fold where Christ has gone before,
we will walk softly.

We'll worship and bow down, we will rejoice,
and when we hear the Shepherd's gentle voice,
we will walk softly.
(Early Shaker hymn)

Reflection Dream a Little Dream of Me

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts

Welcoming of the Alshabaan Family

Introduction by Bill Dines

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem Psalm 16 (My Refuge)

Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

Keep me safe, O my God, for You are my refuge.
You are Lord, You are God, apart from You I have nothing.
You alone are my portion, You make my lot secure.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me even in the night.

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Keep me safe, O my God, for You are my refuge.
You are Lord, You are God, apart from You I have nothing.
I will keep my eyes on the Lord, for with Him I will not be shaken.
Therefore now my heart is glad, my soul rejoices.

In Your presence is fullness of joy, my heart, my tongue rejoices.
At Your right hand there are pleasures forever, forevermore.
You are God, You are Lord, my joy, my hope, my refuge.
(adapted from Psalm 16)

*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.

The Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

*Sending Out [2]

*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

[1] Burgess & Polhill, with permission

[2] Bruce Prewer, adapted, with permission



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