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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:30am
Reign of Christ Sunday**

Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
Guest Speaker - Rafi Aaron
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.

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Responsive Invitation to Worship [1]

We don't see it,

but its effect is clear;

We don't hear it,

but its message is never silent;

We don't feel it,

but its influence constantly moves us.

Reaching through every system,

Flowing through every interaction,

Silently moving the world

toward its God-designed purpose,

More powerful than the strongest army,

yet infinitely gentle;

More significant than the most influential government,

yet without coercion or manipulation.

The kingdom of God is subversively at work,

and it is here.

***Opening Hymn** VU #328 Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

Responsive Prayer of Approach [2]

Deep within us, creeping past the facts
that stand before us, is hope:

And we lift up our hearts to God.

We walk towards the barriers to change,
believing they will fall to your power:

And we lift up our hearts to God.

We gather up the remnants of our energy

and wait for the extra we pray will come:

We lift up our hearts to God.

***In the moments of our lowness,
in the doubts which rise among us,
in the depths of weakness and failing,***

***God's hand is discovered beneath our wavering,
and we are called again to hope.***

Introit All Hail, Redeemer, Hail E. Daley

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never fail
throughout eternity.
(Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894)

Scripture Jeremiah 23:1-6, (NRSV) Reader: June Rowe

Anthem To the Lamb on the Throne Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
(The congregation is invited to join in singing the last verse, shown in bold.)

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
Worthy the Lamb.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Worthy the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save,
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
Worthy the Lamb.

4.

**Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.**

Worthy the Lamb!

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788)

Reflection Rafi Aaron, Guest Speaker

"How Do We Prevent the Shepherds from Destroying and Scattering the sheep from the Lord's Pasture?"

or

"The Shepherds Continue to Destroy and Scatter the Sheep from the Lord's Pasture."

Prayer of Aspiration from Colossians 1:1-20

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem Prayer of St. Benedict

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Almighty God,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
Intellect to understand you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you,
And a life to proclaim you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
(St. Benedict, 480-547)

***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** VU #212 Eternal Christ, You Rule (vv. 1, 3 and 5)

***Sending Out** [3]

***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

Fairlawn Avenue United Church extends its gratitude and thanks to guest speaker Rafi Aaron. Please consider donating to the EA Fund to help support the St. Luke's OOTC Meal Program. For details, reach out to the EA team at ea@fairlawnavenueunited.ca.



The flowers in the chancel are
in loving memory of Bill Dixon.

Placed by Sylvia, Ross, John and their families.

[1] John van der Laar, adapted, with permission [2] libid. [3] Rex A. E Hunt, adapted, with permission

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The Senior Choir of Fairlawn Avenue
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
presents

On Christmas Night

by Bob Chilcott
with
Chamber Orchestra



Sunday, November 30 at 10 :30am

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LESSONS & CAROLS



Sunday, Dec. 14 7:00pm
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CAROLS AROUND THE CRÈCHE

Come and enjoy a Christmas Sing-A-Long and Hot Chocolate
Sunday, November 30 4:45pm - 5:30pm
Fairlawn Avenue United Church 28 Fairlawn Avenue

We invite you to support

Fairlawn's Annual Red Door Holiday Gift Drive

with donations new unwrapped gifts
for children to age 13, new children's
winter clothing (coats, snowpants,
boots, hats, scarves and mittens),
grocery gift cards or cash donations.



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