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Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, April 5, 2026 10:30am
Easter Sunday Communion

Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver
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.

Screen: Congregational responses, unison and singing in white text.

Guest Musicians:

Trumpets – Scott Harrison, Sam Cancellara
Trombone – Cathy Stone, Raymond Carruthers
Timpani and percussion – Lorne Grossman

Pre-Service Music

Den Hoboecken Dans
Andante Tranquillo

Tielman Susato (ca. 1510/15-1570)
Antoine Simon (1850-1916)

Welcome, Lighting the Christ Flame and Land Acknowledgement

The light shines in the darkness

for the darkness could not put it out.

From the Holy One did this come about

it is wondrous in our eyes.

This is the light

which reveals the hidden.

This is the light

which focuses the unclear.

This is the light

which clarifies mixed motives.

On this day of empty tomb...

On this day of joyous reconnection...

On this day of resurrection...

Let there be an end
to the betrayal, denial, crucifixion
of the first peoples of this land.

Let us walk and work
until that day comes

when together
of one heart, in one voice

we sing:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU #155

An Easter Praise

Holy One, early in the morning,
when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror;
you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,
when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle
announced that you had come among us,
that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,
surrounded by respectable liars,
religious leaders,
anxious statesmen
and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good,
for being God:
you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footprints in the dew
proved that you had risen,
that you had come back
to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied, destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name.

Introit

Christ is Arisen!

E. Daley

Christ is arisen!
Alleluia!

Sharing Peace

The room was locked and barred,
 as we are sometimes locked and barred,
 out of guilt, in fear,
 from embarrassment and chagrin,
 because we cannot imagine
 that we might ever put things right
 or start afresh.

Then, as now, the Risen One
 disarms our costly self-protection,
 undoes the false securities we hide behind,
 and enters in.

Receive Christ's peace.

Let it be ours to have.

Let it be ours to share.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Hallelujah Chorus (from *Messiah*)**

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
 The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his
 Christ;
 and he shall reign forever and ever.
 King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
 And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

Reading from the Tanakh Jeremiah 31:2a, 3b, 7b and Psalm 118:2-4, 22-23

From afar the Holy One appeared to me:
 With everlasting love do I love you...
 O Virgin Israel,
 Yet shall you deck yourselves
 with your timbrels and go out
 to the rhythm of the dancers....
 The lame and the blind are among them,
 she with child and the woman in labour.

Let Israel now say,

'Your love is eternal.'

Let the house of Aaron say,

'Your love is eternal.'

Let all the people say,

'Your love is eternal.'

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

***From the Holy One did this come about
it is wondrous in our eyes.***

Anthem

This is the Day

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

(The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain where marked
in ***bold italics***)

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*This is the day the Lord has made,
and we will rejoice and be glad,
and we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Our glorious risen Lord has triumphed o'er the tomb;
Now this most joyous Eastertide dispels all doubt and gloom. *R*

At early light of morn the women went their way
To Jesus' tomb to honour Him that first glad Easter day. *R*

But Christ no longer lay fastbound in death's domain.
The angel said, "He is not here." Let us this news proclaim.

***This is the day the Lord has made,
and we will rejoice and be glad,
and we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

O day above all days, O radiant morning bright;
On you the powers of darkness fell; Christ's own were born to light.

***This is the day the Lord has made,
and we will rejoice and be glad,
and we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

Alleluia!

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Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9 (The Inclusive Bible)

Reader: Jan Schlee

Anthem

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

E. Daley

“Christ the Lord is risen today!”
All creation joins to say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
sing, ye heav’ns and earth reply, alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of Hell, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise,
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head,
made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now,
hail, the Resurrection thou. Alleluia!
(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788)

Reflection

Rev. Nigel Weaver

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

VU #169 (sung seated)

***Presentation of the Offering**

**Now to your table spread
we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words
of life and death:
in wine in bread,
in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Who comes to this table with us?

The world comes to this table.

Let all come to this table

who've been told they are different.

Here difference doesn't matter.

Let all come to this table

who've ever heard

you don't measure up,

you haven't made the grade,

you're just not good enough.

Here distinctions don't count.

Let all come to this table

who've never been noticed,

whose gifts have been ignored,

who've gone begging for attention.

Here all are valued and everyone has worth.

Let all come to this table

who need to forgive and to be forgiven.

Let all come to this table

who know no peace.

Let all come to this table

who need a friend

and who want to be a friend.

Let all come to this table

who long to be made new.

Let all come to this table

who seek transformation and healing.

Let all come to this table

who pray for God's rule.

Let all come to this table

who hunger for justice,

who thirst for freedom.

The Table Story

Gathered, with followers and friends,
 with the believing and the disbelieving
 with the faithful and the faithless
 with the respectable and with those of disrepute
 with the haves and the have nots
 the up and coming and the down and out
 for such were the followers and friends
 he chose,

Jesus took bread and blessed it

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe,
 who brings bread from the earth.

and broke it and gave it to them

So too, later in the meal, he refilled the cup with wine and blessed it

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe,
 who sustains the entire world with goodness, grace,
 loving kindness, and compassion.

He gives bread to all, for His grace is everlasting.
 And in His great goodness we have never lacked anything
 and we will never be deprived of food for the sake of His great name.
 For He is God who provides for all and does good for all
 and prepares food for all His creatures that He created.
 Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who provides for all.

and he passed it to them.

The Table Prayer

May the Spirit that was in Jesus
 be in and upon this bread and this cup.

***May the Spirit that was in Jesus
 be in and upon us
 making us the body of Christ in the world,
 helping us to love as Jesus loved,
 prompting us to serve as Jesus served.***

***Holy One, we turn to you as Jesus turned,
as children turn to a resourceful and resilient mother,
as children look to a gentle and nurturing father.***

***May your name be hallowed, may your rule come,
may your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the rule, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

These are the gifts of God
for people of God.

***Come,
let us take our place
at this table of love,
of joy,
of blessing.***

Communion Anthem Now From Ev'ry Christian Steeple

E. Daley

Now from ev'ry Christian steeple comes the sound of Easter bells,
while the song of Christian people Jesus' resurrection tells.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding-a ding-a ding dong, unto heav'n the music swells,
Ding dong, ding dong, ding-a ding-a ding dong, "He is risen", clang the bells.

Sing ye then with heart and voices; send to heav'n each eager chord,
where the angel host rejoices with the living, living Lord. R

Tell it out to ev'ry nation, how the Prince of Life was slain;
and repeat with exaltation that he walked the earth again. R

When our song has fully sounded, on our knees bow we to pray,
thanking him, who death confounded on the first great Easter Day. R
(Edwin Cox)

The Prayer at the end of the Meal

Risen Lord,
who died and lives again,

***here you have reminded us
that brokenness shared is healing,
that love poured out is never loss
but gain.
May we remember
and believe these things.***

***Now send us out,
as you sent the women from the tomb
and the travellers from the table,
in faith, in hope, in love. Amen.***

***Recessional Hymn** Thine is the Glory

VU #173

*** Blessing**

From the Holy One did this come about
it is wondrous in our eyes.

Go from this place eyes newly opened
eyes full of wonder.

See as God sees

see creation as it is
full of wonder

see the stranger and the friend
full of wonder

see the known and the unknown
full of wonder

see the expected and the unlooked for
full of wonder

look in the mirror
and see yourself
full of wonder.

Come see as God sees.
Now go, as God goes,
***to love and to serve.
Amen.***

***Choral Alleluia and Amen**

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

Bergerette Sans Roch

Tielman Susato (ca. 1510/15-1570)

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Blessing of Bread and Cup, from the *Passover Haggadah*

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