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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, March 22, 2026 10:30am
Lent V**

**Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir
Phil Smith - Cantor**

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

Congregational responses indicated in ***bold italics*** and unison in **bold** text.

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Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation.

This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land.

We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

***Processional Hymn** When in Our Music God is Glorified

VU #533 (verse 1, 2, 3 and 5)

***Gathering Prayer**

Sometimes, God,
prayer is just breath
breathing in, breathing out
Your Spirit – our breath
our breath – Your Spirit.

***Sometimes prayer is voice
words spoken
loudly, or whispered, or thought
one voice, many voices,
Your voice.***

Sometimes prayer is action
 love shown in kindness
 shared in tears and laughter
 lived out in hugs
 practiced in acceptance.

***Always prayer is presence,
 Your presence – our presence
 hopes and fears, dreams and regrets
 spoken to One who loves
 by those who love.***

Gentle Spirit,
may we be present to you this morning. Amen.

***Introit**

Within These Walls

E. Daley

Within these walls let holy peace and love and friendship dwell;
 here give the troubled conscience ease, the wounded spirit heal.
 (John Newton, 1725-1807)

***Sharing Peace**

Jesus often withdrew to pray – a quiet spot, a welcome rest.

***Then he would return to his friends,
 to those who loved and followed him, however imperfectly.***

Jesus always remembered the community
 which held and supported him

***So let us remember each other
 and the love which binds us.***

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(Contemporary English Version adapted)

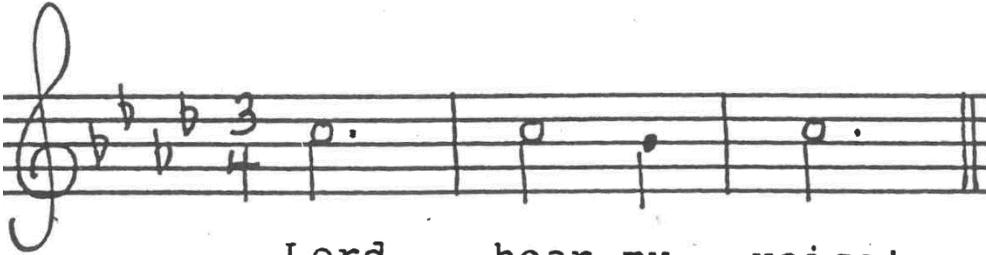
Reader: Sheila Corkill

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

4.

Psalm 130



Lord, hear my voice!

Cantor: Lord, hear my voice!

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God!
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Cantor: If you, O God, should mark my iniquities,
God, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be feared.

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Cantor: I wait for God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;
my soul waits for God
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

People: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Cantor: O Israel, hope in God!
For with God there is steadfast love,
and with God is plenteous redemption.
And God will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

All: **Lord, hear my voice!**

Anthem So the Day Dawn K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
Christ watching over me, Christ as I wake.
Be the day shine to me, be the day bright.
Christ my companion be, Christ be my light.

Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
Christ shall my comfort be, Christ be my cheer.
Be the day swift to me, be the day long,
Christ my contentment be, Christ be my song.

So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
Christ watching over me, Christ as I wake.
So the day close for me, so the night fall,
Christ watching over me, Christ be my all.
(Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926)

Sermon Rev. Nigel Weaver

***Hymn** God Remembers Pain VU #610
(The choir will sing verse 1 and then the congregation is invited to join in on verses 2 and 3)

Introduction to the Offering

**God, to those who have hunger, give bread,
and to those who have bread,
give the hunger for justice,
that Your Community of Care may come. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

Teach me Thy song, O Lord,
that song which graced creation's dawn,
and bid the firmament unfurl;
That bathed the newborn world in uncreated light –
that song so bright. Teach me Thy song, O Lord.

6.

Teach me Thy song, O Lord,
that song which burst Thy Servant's heart
to beat of blows upon the cross;
His pain and bitterest loss and death that should be mine –
his song was Thine. Teach me Thy song, O Lord.

Teach me Thy song, O Lord,
that song which swirls to wreath Thy throne,
and bears the prayers of all Thine own;
To Thee, and Thee alone by saints and angels raised,
Thy name to praise. Teach me Thy Song, O Lord.
(Joel Nagy)

***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.**

As Lent draws to a close,
we begin to feel the call to live as Easter People.

As Easter nears,
we resolve not to abandon the fast God calls us to keep.

Let us
***fast from worry,
and feast on trust in God,
fast from complaining,
and feast on appreciation,
fast from negatives,
and feast on affirmatives.***

Let us
***fast from emphasis on differences
and feast on the unity of life,
fast from hostility,
and feast on tenderness,
fast from anger,
and feast on empathy.***

Let us

***fast from judging others,
and feast on the image of God within them,
fast from words that pollute,
and feast on phrases that heal,
fast from idle gossip,
and feast on purposeful silence.***

Let us

***fast from self-concern,
and feast on compassion for others,
fast from discontent,
and feast on gratitude,
fast from bitterness,
and feast on forgiveness.***

Let us

***fast from facts that depress,
and feast on examples that inspire,
fast from discouragement,
and feast on hope,
fast from anxiety,
and feast on prayer.***

(Tom Sherwood)

Prayers of the People

We pray for your church....

We pray for the creation....

We pray for the nations of the world....

We pray for those who suffer physically or psychologically....

As Jesus' hands shaped new reality from spit and dirt,
shape these the prayers of ordinary lives, and everyday concerns

***that they, and we, may serve your purposes,
You to whom we turn
as children turn to a resourceful and resilient mother,
as children look to a gentle and nurturing father.***

8.

***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.***

***Recessional Hymn** Now Quit Your Care

VU #109 (verses 1, 2 and 5)

***Blessing** On our hearts and on this house of prayer,
the blessings of God.

On our coming and our going,
the Peace of God.

On our life and our believing,
the Love of God.

On our endeavours, our endings, our new beginnings,
the Presence of God.

Let us go from this place to love and to serve.
Amen.

***Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**O Lord, throughout this time of Lent, may we close by you stay,
we walk with you, as we await the joy of Easter Day.**

(E. D.)

Postlude

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Thursday, April 23, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER at *Fairlawn*



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29
10:30am Service



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2
7:30pm Service



Good Friday
Friday, April 3
10:30am Service



Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 5
9:00am Breakfast \$6/person



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5
10:30am Communion Service

