



# FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



*La Mulata* Diego Velázquez

**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Sunday, April 19, 2026 10:30am  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Jean Ward, Presiding and Rev. Nigel Weaver, Preaching  
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music  
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir  
Meredith Hall - 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.

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

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered near a street corner,  
in a city where land meets water,  
and rivers flow to the water  
the land meets;

where brick from the clay of its soil,  
and quarried rock,  
have become the walls of our homes,

on streets that run through lands  
on the traditional territory  
of the Haudenosaunee and Mississauga nations,  
Anishnaabe and Wendat-Huron,  
on lands protected under the Dish-With-One-Spoon  
wampum agreement.

***Whatever our blood our background, our belief,  
whichever street we live on,  
we share this dish...and we share this responsibility  
To live lives of reciprocity and respect and reconciliation  
with our indigenous siblings.  
It is a sacred trust.***

## Lighting the Christ Candle

**\*Processional Hymn** God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

VU #399 (verses 1, 2 and 5)

**\*Opening Prayer** Some of us come here  
***certain and satisfied***  
Some of us come here  
***unsure and doubting***  
Some of us come here  
***bringing our answers***  
Some of us come here  
***driven by questions***

Some of us come here  
***longing to take a break***

Some of us come here  
***seeking connection***

Each of us, sometimes,  
***is one – and the other***

Each of us, all the time,  
***is afloat on your love***

Each of us, all the time,  
***is awash with your grace***  
***Hold and enfold us***  
***Form us and fit us***  
***Shape us and stretch us***  
***through this morning's worship.***

**\*Introit**

Thou Dost Show Me the Path of Life

E. Daley

Thou dost show me the path of life,  
 in thy presence there is fullness of joy,  
 in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.  
 (Psalm 16:11)

**Prayer of Confession** Minds wander, hearts waver,  
 stomachs lumber and lurch,

***even as your love enfolds, we withdraw***  
***even as your love enflames, we grow cold***  
***even as your love entreats, we harden***  
***even as your love enacts, we grow passive.***  
***For the sake of that love,***  
***forgive us, we pray.***

**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,

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undoes the false securities we hide behind,  
and enters in.

Receive Christ's peace.

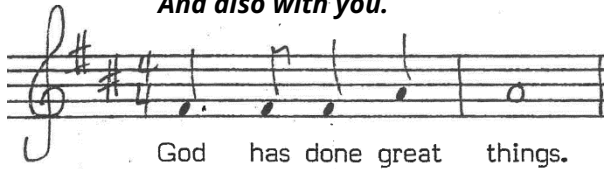
***Let it be ours to have.***

***Let it be ours to share.***

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

**Psalm 126**



People: **God has done great things.**

Cantor: When God 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.

People: **God has done great things.**

Cantor: Then they said among the nations,  
"God has done great things for them."  
God has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

People: **God has done great things.**

Cantor: Restore our fortunes, O God,  
like the water courses in the Negeb!  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy!

People: **God has done great things.**

Cantor: Those who go forth weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing their sheaves of grain.

All: **God has done great things.**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

Reader: June Rowe

**Anthem** Stay With Us

Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.  
 Stay with us, it soon is evening.  
 Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,  
 it soon is evening, and night is falling.  
 (Luke 24:29)

**Sermon**

Rev. Nigel Weaver

**\*Hymn** The Spring Has Come

VU #187

(The choir will sing verse 1 and then the congregation is invited to join in on verses 2 & 3)

### **Introduction to the Offering**

Out of love and duty,  
 faithful women brought perfume and ointment  
 to a garden tomb.

***Intending to preserve the dead,  
 they found new life, instead.***

Now, out of love and duty,  
 we bring our gifts.

***May they bring life to us and to others.  
 Amen.***

**Offertory Anthem** My Master From a Garden Rose

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

My master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare,  
 for tender hands had laid Him there to rest amid the roses.

'Twas on a cross they laid Him bare and pierced His hands with nails  
 that humankind might live again and be with Him in glory. Alleluia.

My master from a garden rose to go for us to heaven,  
 and He will come and take us there to be with Him forever.  
 (Gordon Young)

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## **\*Presentation of the Offering**

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess.  
Sing praises, hallelujah!  
So we shall give you all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise!  
Sing praises, hallelujah!  
Sing praises, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!**

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to God our creator,  
who has given us the earth's goodness for our delight,  
and entrusted it to our care and tenderness.

For all who live in captivity to debt,  
whose lives are cramped by fear  
from which there is no turning  
except through abundant harvest;  
Lord, we pray:  
may those who sow in tears  
***reap with shouts of joy.***

For all who depend on the earth for their daily food and fuel,  
whose forests are destroyed for the profit of a few;  
Lord, we pray:  
may those who sow in tears  
***reap with shouts of joy.***

For those who labour in poverty,  
are oppressed by unjust laws,  
are prevented from speaking the truth,  
and long for a harvest of justice;  
Lord, we pray:  
may those who sow in tears  
***reap with shouts of joy.***

For all who are captive to greed and waste and boredom,  
whose harvest joy is choked  
with things they do not need;

Lord, we pray:  
 may those who sow in tears  
**reap with shouts of joy.**

Save us from all that holds us captive,  
 restore our vision,  
 that our mouth may be filled with laughter  
 and our tongue with songs of joy.

***With our laughter, with our tears, we turn to you,  
 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.***

**\*Recessional Hymn** As We Walked Home at Close of Day

VU #184

**\*Blessing**

This is not a blessing for the smug

***who simply believed sight unseen.***

This is not a blessing for the self-assured

***who simply lacked the where-withal to doubt.***

This is a blessing for those who've gone before

***whose words, and stories, and songs, and prayers  
 could fill volumes.***

They shared, and share, this blessing with us,

***we who simply stand  
 because they stood.***

**\*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**

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EVENTS  
AND MORE

## Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, April 23	6:00pm-9:00pm	63rd Annual Book Sale
Friday, April 24	12:00pm-9:00pm	63rd Annual Book Sale
Saturday, April 25	10:00am-1:00pm	63rd Annual Book Sale
Wednesday, April 29	2:00pm-3:30pm	Senior's Ministry Discussion Series
Sunday, May 3	10:30am	AI 101 with Ebrahim Alia Scugog Sunday Service, Craft Shack & Bake Sale

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