



# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Ascension Sunday  
Sunday, May 17, 2026 10:30am**

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

Icon of Christ Pantocrator

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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 bloodline, 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

Jesus said:  
"Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me.  
Go therefore to all nations and make them my disciples...  
and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you."

***And I will be with you always, to the end of time.***

## \*Opening Prayer

O God,  
 you withdraw from our sight  
 that you may be known by your love:  
 help us to enter the cloud  
 where you are hidden,  
 and surrender all our certainty  
 to the darkness of faith  
 in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## \*Introit

O God, the King of Glory

E. Daley

O God, the King of Glory, who hath exalted Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph into heaven, we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us Thy Holy Ghost to comfort us.  
 (from a Sarum Antiphon, alt.)

## \*Sharing Peace

May the presence of the One who spoke with Moses

***fill us with peace.***

May the presence of the One who came to us in Jesus

***help us share that peace.***

The peace of Christ be with you

***and also with you.***

## Scripture

The Conclusion to Luke's Gospel (c. 90 C.E)

Luke 24:33, 35-44, 46-51

Revised English Bible

## Anthem

God is Gone Up with a Shout

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Alleluia! God is gone up with a shout,  
 the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia!  
 Christ hath ascended up on high,  
 and hath led captivity captive. Alleluia!

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel.  
 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

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Oh, clap your hands, all ye people;  
shout unto God with a voice of triumph!  
For the Lord most high is terrible;  
He is a great King over all the earth. Alleluia!  
(based on Psalm 47 and Mark 16: 15, 16)

## Sermon

Rev. Nigel Weaver

## \*Hymn

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing  
(The choir sings verse 1, then we all sing verses 1 and 2.)

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, his praise there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

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**Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;  
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!**

## Introduction to the Offering

**Christ, our lover  
to whom we try to cling:  
as you have reached into our depths  
and drawn us to love you,  
so make us open, freely to let you go;  
that you may return in unexpected power  
to change the world through us,  
in your name. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Jeremiah Clarke (ca. 1674-1707)  
V. 2, arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, life divine,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe  
responsive to the call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with all the sacred throng,  
we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
(Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, alt.)

**\*Presentation of the Offering**

**Worthy is our earthly Jesus!**  
**Worthy is our cosmic Christ!**  
**Worthy your defeat and victory.**  
**Worthy still your peace and strife.**  
**You, the everlasting instant;**  
**you, who are our death and life.**

**Prayers of the People**

Remembering Jesus promise to be with us always,  
to the end of time

***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** Go Forth For God

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**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
 be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
 in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
 till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
 strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
 help the afflicted; richly from above  
 God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
 hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
 render to no one evil; Christ at length  
 shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.**

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
 to serve God's people every day and hour,  
 and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
 rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

**\*Blessing**

**\*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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## **Fairlawn Annual General Meeting – Sunday, May 24, 2026**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Fairlawn Avenue United Church will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 24, 2026 after a shortened worship service and Coffee Hour where a light lunch will be served.

Please plan to participate in this important meeting to discuss the life and work of Fairlawn.



# AGM

Annual General Meeting