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Connect with what matters in life.



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:30am**

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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.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,
and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

***It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.***

We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat,
Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations,
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:
the first peoples of this land.

We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.

***Creator let us be of Good Mind
to reconcile the mistreatment of this land
and those who have been displaced.***

We give thanks for Indigenous voices in our United Church.

***Give us attentive ears to hear them,
and sincere and open hearts
that we may embrace the work of reconciliation
to which you call your Church.***

With thankful and respectful hearts,

***we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.***

***Processional Hymn** God, We Praise You for the Morning

VU #415 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

***Lighting of the Christ Candle** A Song and a Prayer

Today, God, we thank you
for all who minister in and from the corners.
For all who do the unseen, the unnoticed,
the unremarked essentials.

For those who have found a niche of service through which their gifts, interests, joys find expression.

***We thank you
that their light shines
on us, in us, among us. Amen.***

***Introit**

Lo, I Am with You Always

E. Daley

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always,
to the close of the age."
(Matthew 28:20)

Prayer of Confession

God, because your goodness has no end
because this time and place are holy
we are able to say to you and to each other:

***We are not all we could, or would,
or should be.
It is hard for us to believe
that you can make a difference in our lives
and harder still to believe
that we can make a difference.
We are not yet what you want us to be
what you mean us to be
what you will make us to be.
Thank you for this new day,
for this place and for these people. Amen.***

The Peace

Jesus said, you must go on living in my love
and you must love one another.
Then my joy will be in you
and your happiness will be complete.

Let us share the joy of Christ's peace.

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The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***And harder still to believe
that we can make a difference.***

***We are not yet what you want us to be
what you mean us to be
what you will make us to be.***

***Thank you for this new day,
for this place and for these people. Amen.***

An Introduction to the Scripture and the Reflection

Anthem

Arise and Sing

Dave and Jean Perry

Arise and sing, the Lord is King of all creation.
Through all the land we raise a song of jubilation.
We sing with praise for all the wonders to us given.
Arise and sing, the Lord is King of all.
Alleluia!

All glory be to God on high, our great Creator.
We worship Thee, give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
To earth bring peace, goodwill to all to last forever.
O Lord, our God, our heav'nly King of all.
Alleluia!
(Dave and Jean Perry)

Scripture and Reflection

Statement of Faith

We sing of a church
seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

***We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place....***

***We sing of God's good news lived out,
a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God,
corrected and comforted,
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,
creation's mending.***

***Hymn**

Not for the Tongues of Heaven's Angels

VU #604

(The choir will sing verse 1, and then the congregation is invited to join in for verses 2, 3 and 4)

Introduction to the Offering

May these gifts, brought to your table,

***be signs of lives changed and changing
the work of your Spirit. Amen.***

Offertory Anthem Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Adoro te devote, (Processionale, Paris, 1697)

arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good;
and whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

6.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee.
(Vss. 1-3, Thomas Lynch 1818-1871, alt., Vs. 4, K.L.S.)

***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.**

Prayers of the People

Abba God, you have brought us into your family,
claiming us as beloved children.
Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and
graciousness.
Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith
and teach us to honor our shared humanity.

Merciful God, ***receive our prayer.***

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning,
the dance of the wind,
and the deeply rooted trees of the forest.
Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems
that they flourish for generations to come.

Merciful God, ***receive our prayer.***

Give your blessing of peace to the nations.
Shelter all who risk life and livelihood
to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice.
Bring comfort to those who have lost family members
and friends to the violence of war.

Merciful God, ***receive our prayer.***

You are a God of love and not of condemnation.
 Quiet the hearts of all who struggle
 with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth.
 Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another.

Merciful God, ***receive our prayer.***

Strengthen bonds between parents, children,
 and families of all varieties.
 We pray especially for adoptive and foster families,
 multi-generational households, and blended families.
 Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers.

Merciful God, ***receive our prayer.***

***Recessional Hymn** We Are Pilgrims

VU #595 (verses 1-5)

***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

Statement of Faith *from Song of Faith*

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| Sunday, June 14 | Communion Worship Service and Refugee Ministry Recognition - Kathleen Magladry |
| Sunday, June 21 | Father's Day and National Indigenous Peoples Day |
| Sunday, June 28 | Summer Worship Service in the Assembly Hall and Andrew Peck Memorial Bench Dedication |

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