



FAIRLAWN
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**Explore Spirituality
Experience Belonging
Embrace Action**

**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Summer Worship Services
Sunday, August 9 to Sunday, August 30, 2026**

Sunday, August 9	Summer Communion Service Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver Piano – Doreen Uren Simmons Soloist – Andrea Ludwig
Sunday, August 16	Rev. Jean Ward Piano – Doreen Uren Simmons Soloist – Mark Wood-Salomon
Sunday, August 23	Rev. Nigel Weaver Piano – Doreen Uren Simmons Soloist – Dion Mazerolle
Sunday, August 30	Rev. Jean Ward Piano – Doreen Uren Simmons Soloist – Phil Smith

For the month of August, we enjoy and appreciate having **Doreen Uren-Simmons** on piano. Doreen, a native of Ingersoll, studied in Toronto with the renowned Mona Bates and made her professional debut at the Wigmore Hall in London, England in 1961. She spent 40 years in Toronto, working with many choirs and now internationally famous Canadian singers. This period culminated in her position as studio accompanist for the beloved Lois Marshall, during her 12 years of teaching at the University of Toronto. After Lois' death in 1997, Doreen joined the studios of Peter Barnes at the University of Toronto, and Catherine Robbin and Norma Burrowes at York University. She continues her work with Norma still, though threatening a “well earned retirement”, and has been attending Fairlawn for many years with her partner and long time Fairlawn member, Jim Benson.

*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.
Congregational responses indicated in ***bold italics***.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Gathering

In the cool of the evening
in the heat of the day
YOU.

In shadow and in shade
under the sun's burning gaze
YOU.

In the pulse of traffic drumming the curbside
in the wake from a boat lapping the shoreline
YOU.

In moment and in meaning
in motivation and in movement
YOU.

In then and there
in here and now
YOU.

***In story and in song
in prayer and in praise
in need and in knowing
and in being known.
YOU.***

*Hymn

Confession and Peace

There are ways and means
there are instances and occasions
when we do not live wisely or well
when our aim is off, when we fall short
when we fail to go the distance
when what is asked of us goes unanswered
or, at best, receives a nod of acknowledgement
then comes to nothing.

***Here we come
empty handed, muddle headed, heavy hearted
unable to stomach it any longer,
yet daring to believe
You find us
not just precious
but redeemable,
we give the fullness of our failure
and of our failings
to Your safe keeping.***

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Solo

Reflection

***Hymn by Request**

Introduction to the Offering

Offering

***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

I In the name of the One who came as servant

We ask for compassion.

In the name of the poor from whom we must learn

We ask for humility.

In the name of the oppressed who have suffered long

We ask for a sense of urgency.

In the name of the Spirit who calls us

We ask for integrity.

Now in our own name, and with our own need, we pray

Prayers spoken aloud or in silence follow...

And so it is, and as it is we turn to you
*as children turn
to a resourceful and resilient mother,
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.*

***Hymn**

***Blessing**

***Choral Commissioning**

**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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