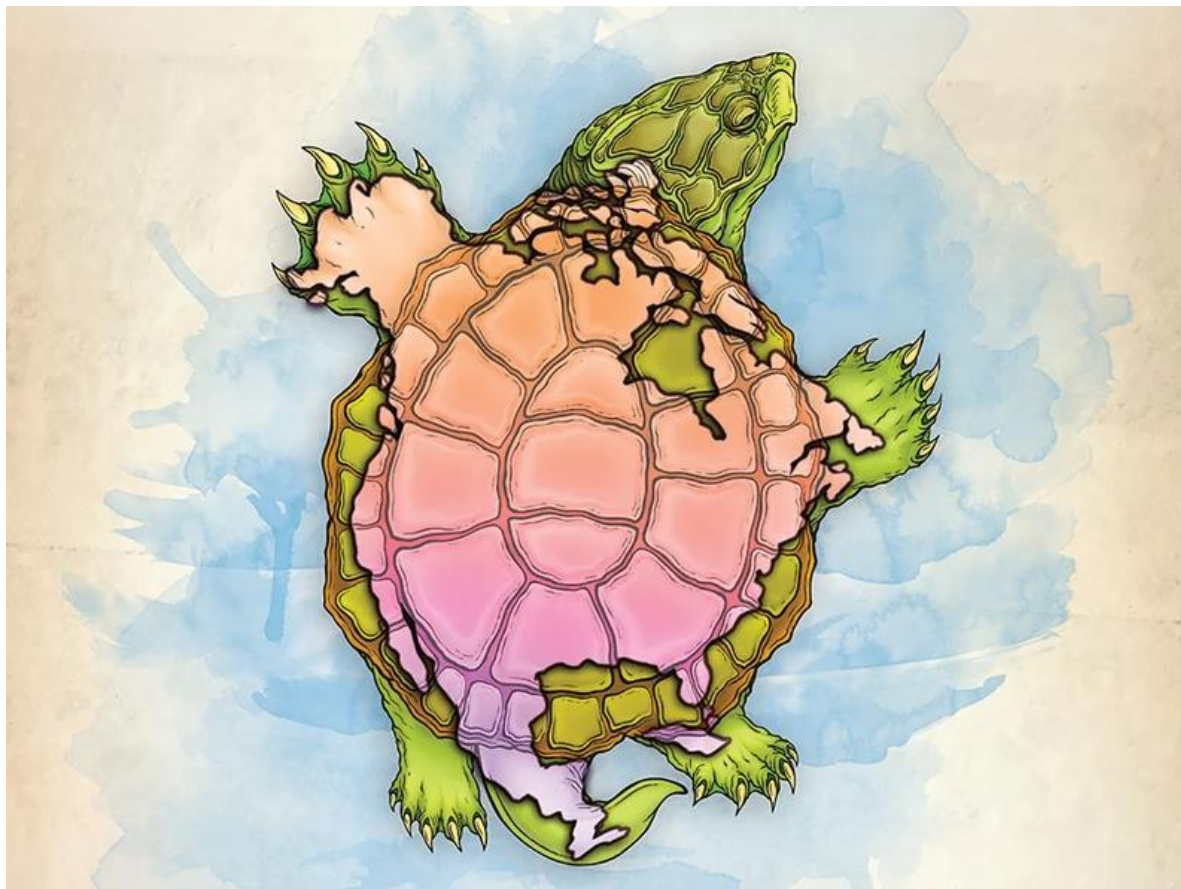




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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, October 4, 2026 10:30am
Creation Time IV – World Communion Sunday**

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

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

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

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The Community Gathers

Acknowledgement of Territory

As we gather on this sacred land,
we acknowledge that this
is the Dish with One Spoon Territory
created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississauga and Haudenosaunee,
binding them to share and protect this land.
Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples,
Europeans and all newcomers,
have been invited into this treaty
in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect.

***May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments
to the land and to its people.***

Releasing the Christ Flame

We light this candle in hope,
and release the Christ Flame,
that its light, its warmth, its energy,
may move among us and within us.

***We offer our worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music art and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships,
and our world.***

***Processional Hymn** All Creatures of our God and King

VU #217 (verses 1-3)

Setting the Day – The Feast of St. Francis – World Communion Sunday

Introit Let All Things Their Creator Bless

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
(St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1181-1226,
trans. William Henry Draper, 1855-1933)

The Community Listens

Scripture Mark 10:17b-22 (The Voice)

The Community Responds.

***Hymn** Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567 (verses 1-3)

The Peace The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Introduction of the Offering and the Offertory

***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.**

The Sacrament of Communion

We welcome you to Christ's table this morning
In the name of the One who created us.
Your presence here is a delight to God
And to us all....
....God's table
Is radically and amazingly
Open to all
Even to me
Even to you.

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me (*sung seated*)

VU #567 (verses 4-5)

Seeking movement, life, and growth
 You in us, and us in You
 We turn to you

***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.***

As the grain that is gathered from many hillsides
 is ground to become one loaf
 and as grapes harvested from many vines
 are pressed to become one cup

So may Your people, around the world, be made one.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Anthem Bread of the World

H. Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
 wine of the soul in mercy shed,
 by whom the words of life were spoken,
 and in whose death our sins are dead:
 look on the heart by sorrow broken,
 look on the tears by sinners shed;
 and be thy feast to us the token
 that by thy grace our souls are fed.
 (Reginald Heber, 1783-1826)

The Community Departs to Love and to Serve

***Closing Hymn** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

VU #684

***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.**



Please note there will be no Coffee Hour following this morning's Communion Service.

Join us for a joyful Covenanting Service later this afternoon at 3:00pm, as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in ministry together.

This special service brings Rev. Jean Ward, Rev. Nigel Weaver, the congregation and wider community of faith together to affirm their shared commitment to faith, ministry, and one another.

Through prayer, music, reflection, and the exchange of promises, we celebrate the gifts and hopes that each brings to this journey. It is a time to give thanks, offer our blessings and support, and look forward with hope to the ministry ahead.

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