



FAIRLAWN

Connect with what matters in life.



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, October 11, 2026 10:30am
Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
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.

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Welcome and Words of Acknowledgment

***Processional Hymn** For the Fruit of All Creation

VU #227

***Gathering Words**

October is a precious month – a gift:

acorn caps - copper

chrysanthemums – bronze

grain heads - gold

rain glistened concrete – silver and platinum

porch lights and jack'o lanterns – topaz and amber

giant Russian sunflower seeds - onyx and jet

New England asters - sapphires and amethysts

new fallen chestnuts - jaspers and emeralds

late, lingering apples - bloodstones and garnets

Christ's riches.

***May we, who hunger and thirst
for the beauty of your presence,
recognize it in the world around us.***

***May our pace be leisurely, our senses alert,
may our hearts be full, our spirits be open.***

October is a precious month.

Thank You, God.

***Introit** Sing to the Lord with Thanksgiving

E. Daley

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,

O praise ye the Lord!

(from Psalm 147)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing The Peace

Scripture Isaiah 25:1-9 and Philippians 4:1-9

Anthem

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Henry Clark

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ.

For the blessings of the fields, for the stores the garden yields,
flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain.

All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from her rich o'erflowing stores.

These to thee, O God, we owe, source from whence our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise,
praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days.
(Anna L. Barbauld, 1743-1825)

Reflection

Let Your Gentleness Be Known to Everyone

Rev. Jean Ward

***Hymn**

When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

**When hands reach out beyond divides
and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound.**

**When fear no longer guides our steps
and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew;
our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one,
our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew;
our hearts will heal as one.**

4.

**When race and creed blind us no more,
a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole world round,
for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free,
for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round,
for love will set us free.**

Introduction of the Offering

Offertory Anthem I Sing the Mighty Power

attr. Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)/Daley

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the One who filled the earth with food;
who formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
O God, your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.
(Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)

***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 Thanksgiving & Intercession

Generous God,

***We thank You for daily bread,
for shelter and friendship,
for those who care for others quietly,
and for every sign that Your love is still at work in the world.
We thank You for the promise of Your kingdom,
for the table You spread,
for the peace You give,
and for the hope that does not fail.
Receive our gratitude,
and make us grateful people in the way we live.***

God of compassion,

we pray for people living with poverty,
for households stretched beyond what they can manage,
for those choosing between heat and food,
for those carrying debt, grief or silent shame.
Strengthen all who work to support others:
foodbank volunteers, community workers, teachers, health staff,
carers, ministers, neighbours and friends.
We pray for Your Church,
that it may be humble, brave and generous.
Keep us from easy words without loving action.
Show us how to set wider tables,
how to listen well,
and how to honour the dignity of every person.
We pray for places of conflict and fear across the world,
for those displaced from home,
and for all who long for justice and peace.
Bring comfort to the sorrowing,
steadiness to the anxious,
and courage to all who are close to giving up.
In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

6.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Recessional Hymn** Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest

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***Blessing**

God of hope,

*send us out in peace,
with hearts made steady by Your grace.
Lead us in the paths of justice and mercy.
Make us signs of Your welcome,
faithful in small things,
patient in struggle,
and joyful in service;
through Jesus Christ,
who calls us to the feast of Your kingdom. Amen.*

***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.**

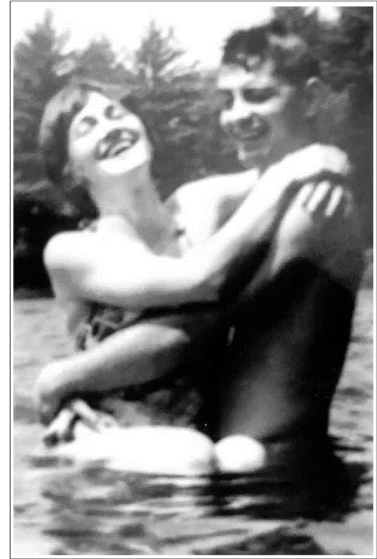
Postlude

You are invited!

*Dear Fairlawn community of faith,
family and friends - please join us
this morning after the worship service
to celebrate Rob & Sue's 90th birthdays!*

*We are looking forward to seeing
you all and celebrating together!*

- Mary Muir & family



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