



Northlea United Church

October 1, 2017

Minister – Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
Music Director – David Jafelice

(* Please stand as you are able.

Bold letters indicate words to be said by the whole congregation.

Please ask one of our greeters if you would like a large- print bulletin, a large-print hymn book or an assisted hearing device.

~ Gathering ~

Before or during the prelude you are welcome to come to the front and light a tea light candle and/or enter your prayer requests in the book provided. Your prayers can be included in the prayers of the people during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

* ♪ Gathering Hymn: *Halle, Halle, Halle* **Voices United #958**

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship:

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one God, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

For we are people reconciled by Grace!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God who brings us Hope!

* ♪ Sung Response: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope* **More Voices #33**

Lighting the Christ Candle

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greetings of Peace - *The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another. The children and youth are invited to stay in for the service.*

♪ **Sung Response: *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* - verse 1 only**
More Voices #173

Opening Prayer:

Spirit of God, empower us, fill us with strength to have hope and believe.
Spirit of God, lead us in truth, fill us with faith so that we trust in you.
Spirit of God, show us your way, fill us with love to go serve every day.
Spirit of God, come and show us your way.

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, allowed 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

~ Listening ~

*♪ **Listening Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*** **More Voices #75**

Prayer for Understanding:

**Holy One, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you
would open our hearts and our minds to your mystery and
grace. Guide us to the truth and wisdom we most need to hear,
as we listen for your still small voice in our sacred story. Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

Response:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Message: The Great I Am

Anthem: Ubi Caritas

(Live in charity and steadfast love; God will dwell with you.) - Taizé

~ Responding ~

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

***♪ Offertory Response:**

*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.*

Voices United #544

(Tune: FOREST GREEN)

***Offertory Prayer:**

**God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving
in the way you meet our needs each day,
and in the peace you give which passes understanding.
Having received so much, we offer all we have,
our time, talents and money for your kingdom.
Bless these gifts for the work of your church.
Amen.**

~Sacrament of Holy Communion~

Invitation to the Table

♪ Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table*

Voices United #457

Communion Prayers

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child.

You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life – a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life.

You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life — that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♩ ***Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus and Benedictus)*** **More Voices #203**

You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One.

You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him.

He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate, he offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning and remember . . .

The Bread

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

The Cup

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

♪ *Memorial Acclamation*

More Voices #204

**Longing to experience and share
the fullness of Life that you offer,
we take these gifts that you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us
through Jesus Christ.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and
with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way,
that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place.

In the eating of this bread, as the substance of Christ’s teachings,
and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ’s passionate love,
we invite your life to fill us;
we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully
to be the body of Christ in the world.

All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.
As we prepare to eat the meal, let us share together the proclamation of
our faith:

♪ *Great Amen*

More Voices #205

Sharing the meal

(Our communion is gluten free and will be served at your seats.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

We accept your Spirit into our bodies, into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks.

♪ Closing Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide

More Voices #145

***Commissioning**

***♪ Sung Benediction: Amen.**

Voices United #969

Postlude

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Mississauga peoples who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the territory wherein our church resides.

Love ~ Connect ~ Nurture ~ Serve

Thank you for helping with Sunday Morning Ministries!

Welcoming: Diana and Roy Bennett

Reading: Carolyn Joyce

Communion Servers: Diana and Roy Bennett, Lucy Platt, Lois Scott

Sound Technician: Doug Joyce

Kitchen Hospitality: Rosalind and John Dekker

If you are interested in volunteering to help out with Sunday Morning Ministries, please contact Barb Ferguson in the church office or sign up on the sheets posted outside on the Welcome Board.

Coming Up!

Ministry and Personnel Meeting - Monday, Oct. 2 - 3 pm

Chair Exercise Class Begins - Wednesday, Oct 4 - 10:30 am

Staff Meeting - Wednesday, Oct 4 - 11 am

Council Meeting - Wednesday, Oct. 4 - 7 pm

Arts Circle - Thursday, Oct. 5 - 1:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, Oct. 5 - 7:30 pm

Thanksgiving Sunday - Sunday, Oct. 8 - 10:30 am

Announcements

*(More announcements can be found on the
Welcome Board in the Narthex)*

Are you interested in joining a weekly Bible Study?

No experience necessary! Lee-Ann will lead a group on Monday mornings, starting on October 2, at 10:30 am. These gatherings will be for 1 hour and will explore the Narrative Lectionary that Lee-Ann uses on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining in, please let [Lee-Ann](#) know. Thanks!

Blood Donor Clinic - Wednesday October 4, 2017 - 2-7 p.m.

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