



# Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community

*October 8, 2017 - Thanksgiving Sunday*

**Minister** - Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

**Music Director** - David Jafelice

**Bedford Park Band** – Jesse Boxer-Meyrowitz – Double Bass,  
Felix Fox-Pappas - Piano, Brian Williams – Drums,  
Marcia Camaraire - Flute

*(\* Please stand if you are comfortable and 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: *Give Thanks for Life***

**Voices United #706**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship:**

Why do we come to this place?

**We come to be with God who is Love.**

What do we hope for in this time of worship?

**We come to learn the teachings of Jesus.**

What do we need as we gather in community?

**We come to find peace and inspiration.**

♪ **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 will leave for their Cool Church listening and learning time.*

♪ **Sung Response: Put Peace into Each Other's Hands**

**More Voices #173**

## **Opening Prayer:**

O Lord, as we prepare to celebrate and give thanks this year,  
may we find it in our hearts to be grateful no matter what.  
May we praise you for what we can do  
and praise you in spite of what we can't.  
May we thank you for what is and what isn't,  
for what is going well and for what is not.  
May we thank you for what brings us joy  
and even for that which brings us grief,  
for if our grief testifies to anything,  
it testifies to the depths of our love.  
Bless us and keep us, dear God, we pray,  
and turn our hearts ever and always  
toward your all encompassing light,  
you who are our creator and savior,  
our redeemer and friend.

## **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 forever and ever. Amen.

~ Listening ~

♪ **Listening Hymn: We Are God's People (Haas)**  
We are God's people, the flock of the Lord.

**Psalm 100**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Holy One, we pray that by the power of the 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 16:1-18

**Response:**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.**

**Message:** Intimate Gratitude

♪ **Anthem: *A Celtic Thanksgiving*** J. Paul Williams/Joseph M. Martin  
*(please remain seated)*

~ 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.**

## Prayers of the People

\*♪ Closing Hymn: *Know That God is Good*

More Voices #104

\*Commissioning

\*♪ Sung Benediction: *Amen - Kriewald*

Voices United #969

## Postlude

*Love ~ Connect ~ Nurture ~ Serve*  
*Thank you for helping with Sunday Morning Ministries!*

Welcoming: Jody and Bob Kinsey

Reading: Joyce Touw

Sound Technician: Ron Scott

Kitchen Hospitality: Alison Symington



*Last week behind the scenes – Sound Technician, Cameron, works on Northlea’s sound system and installs new speakers up in the chancel area.*

## Coming Up!

**Chair Exercise Class** - Wednesday, Oct. 11 - 10:30 am

**Staff Meeting** - Wednesday, Oct. 11 - 11 am

**Arts Circle** - Thursday, Oct. 12- 1:30 pm

**Choir Rehearsal** - Thursday, Oct. 12 - 7:30 pm

**Ministry and Personnel** – Monday, Oct. 16 – 3:30 pm

**Labyrinth Walk** – Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 7:30 pm

**Trustees Meeting** – Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 8:00 pm

**Youth Group Games Night** – Friday, Oct. 20 – 7 pm

## Announcements

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

*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.*

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