



**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2017**  
**World Food Sunday**

Leading the Service - Lay Worship Circle  
Music Director - David Jafelice  
Guest - Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu

*(\*) 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: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet***  
**Voices United #245**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Come, our God would have a word with us this morning.

**We gather with ears to hear, eyes to see and souls to feel.**

Come, our God would raise our awareness of how we are needed in the world.

**We gather to listen, learn and grow our understanding.**

Come, our God would offer us instructions for thought and action.

**We gather in anticipation and willingness to explore and initiate.**

Come, our God would show us the way to a more creative existence.

**We gather in grateful expectation of affirmation and discovery.**

**Sung Response: *You are Holy***

**More Voices #45**

**Story and Lighting of 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: *Where Two or Three are Gathered***

**More Voices #14**

**Opening Prayer:**

**O God, hear our prayer and speak to our hearts.**

**In times of joy and times of grief - be with us.**

**In times of hunger and times of fullness - be with us.**

**In times of fear and in times of strength - be with us.**

**In times of loneliness and in times of community - be with us.**

**Remind us of your love; Remind us of your grace;**

**Remind us that you are with us always, now and forever. Amen**

(After Richard Bott)

**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: *God of the Bible***

**More Voices #28**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Holy One, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you will 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 – Old Testament:** Isaiah 25:1-9

**Response:**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

**Reading – New Testament:** Matthew 22: 1-14

**Response:**

In this reading we hear God's voice.

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

**Message: A Shelter, A Feast and A Saviour**      Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu

**Anthem: *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours***      **More Voices # 171**

~ 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 treasure for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Closing Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide***

**More Voices #145**

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Sung Benediction: Amen**

**Voices United #969**

**Postlude**

*Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu is the Program Coordinator, Southern Africa and South Asia Partnerships. Japhet has lead responsibility for the United Church's engagement with global partners in Southern Africa and South Asia (Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, India, Philippines).*

*Japhet is an ordained minister in The United Church of Canada. He came to us as a gift from the Reformed Church in Zambia. Most recently, he had served the Epworth Pastoral charge –Burin Peninsula, in Newfoundland. Before coming to Canada, Japhet served for five years as General Secretary for the Council of Churches in Zambia, the ecumenical umbrella body for 24 mainline protestant and Orthodox Churches in Zambia. He also worked with the All Africa Conference of Churches based in Nairobi, Kenya as the Continental 9th General Assembly Coordinator.*

*Japhet is married to Caroline a wonderful Kenyan woman and they are blessed with four children Chito (24) Wendy (22) Nathi and Kulu (13).*

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

Welcoming: Joanne and Jamie Procnier  
Reading: Carolyn Joyce  
Sound Technician: Doug Joyce  
Kitchen Hospitality: Susane and Anthony Policicchio

*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!**

**Bible Study** - Monday, Oct. 16 - 10:30 am

*No experience necessary! Lee-Ann will lead a group on Monday mornings, starting 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!*

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

**Chair Exercise Class** - Wednesday, Oct. 18 - 10:30 am

**Staff Meeting** - Wednesday, Oct. 18 - 11 am

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

*(Details posted on the Welcome Board and on our website)*

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

**Arts Circle** - Thursday, Oct. 19 - 1:30 pm

*Bring art supplies to draw, paint, create, and share your love of the arts! All welcome!*

**Choir Rehearsal** - Thursday, Oct. 19 - 7:30 pm

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

*What's the best thing about the third Friday in the month? It means it's Youth Games Night! Come and join me in the gym on Friday October 20 from 7-8:45 to play games, be silly and eat snacks. Bring a friend too, the more the merrier!*

***Mark Your Calendars for the next Congregational Meeting to be held after church on Sunday, November 19.***

**Ben McNally of Ben McNally Books, presents his “Winter Reads”.** Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> and plan to come. Details coming soon!



### **The Northlea People Tree - Coming soon!**

Becky White is leading the charge on growing our People Tree. Soon you will see a tree on the wall going towards the Community Room waiting for your chosen photo! This is an opportunity to express yourself and for others to see you! Be creative! This will be a visual representation of who we are!

Please send us your pictures - some simple rules!

1. One picture per person (or family)
2. Colour or black and white
3. Max size 4" x 6"
4. Matt or glossy

How?

- Submit hard copy by bringing it to the church and by filling in the permission form that allows us to use your photo.
- Submit it electronically to the office at [office@northeaunited.ca](mailto:office@northeaunited.ca).



### **All Ages Table Games Night! Friday, November 10**

Plan a fun evening at Northlea United on Friday, November 10th! Come early to mingle and chat at 6:30 - games start at 7 pm. If you'd like to bring a treat (something that requires no utensils, please)

that would be great! Ends at 9 pm. Some of the games we have are Scattergories, SkipBo, Bananagrams/Scrabble, Monopoly, battleship, bridge, euchre, cribbage, and others! If you have a favourite game, please bring it! Come and learn a new game and invite a neighbour or friend! A thank you goes out to the organizers of this event - Jim Hartley and Marnie Phoenix!

### **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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