



Northlea United Church

October 22, 2017

Leading the Service - Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Music Director - David Jafelice

() 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: *This Day God Gives Me*** **Voices United #410**

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 blessed 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:

**Have mercy on us, O Gracious One,
according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant kindness
forgive us where our thoughts and
deeds have hurt others.**

**Lead us in the paths of justice,
guide our steps on paths of peace!**

**You have placed your truth in our
inner being;
therefore, teach us the wisdom
of the heart.**

**Fill us with gladness; help us to
transform weakness into strength.
Create in us clean hearts, O Gracious One,
and put a new and right spirit
within us.**

(Psalm 51 from *Psalms for Praying* - Nan C. Merrill)

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: *Spirit of the Living God***

Voices United #376

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Message

Response:

In this reading we hear God's voice.

The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Message: The Heart of the Matter

♪ **Anthem: Day by Day**

Martin How

~ Responding ~

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

* ♪ **Offertory Response:**

Voices United #537

*Your work, O God needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

***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

♪ Sung Response:

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

*♪ Closing Hymn: *Go to the World*

Voices United #420

*Commissioning

*♪ Sung Benediction

Voices United #969 (Kriewald)

Postlude

Love~ Connect~ Nurture~ Serve

Thank you for helping with Sunday Morning Ministries!

Welcoming: Anne Murray and Lucy Platt

Reading: Margaret Rieger

Sound Technician: Ron Scott

Kitchen Hospitality: Lois and Ron Scott

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.

Today: The Lay Worship Circle is meeting after church today at 12 pm in the Community Room - This group meets once per month to review, explore and plan our seasonal worship practices. The group receives feedback from the community and considers needs expressed in the future planning of our Sunday morning services, and our Taize, Jazz, Labyrinth and other special or alternative services. Anyone is welcome to join the Lay Worship Circle and no commitment is required. We hope you will join us.



All Ages Table Games Night!

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.

(More information posted on the Welcome Board)

Coming Up!

Bible Study - Monday, Oct. 23 - 10:30 - 11:30 am

No experience necessary! Explore the Narrative Lectionary that Lee-Ann uses on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining in, please let Lee-Ann know. Thanks!

Chair Exercise Class - Wednesday, Oct. 25 - 10:30 am

Staff Meeting - Wednesday, Oct. 25 - 11 am

Arts Circle - Thursday, Oct. 26 - 1:30 pm

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

Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, Oct. 26 - 7:30 pm

Council Meeting - Wednesday, Nov 1 - 7:00 pm

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



On Remembrance Day Sunday, November 5th, a display of photographs of loved ones will be set up in the Narthex. If you would like to bring in photographs and memorabilia and have them on display, please bring them to the office during the week prior, or on Sunday, November 5. Please be sure to have your items identified. Thank you.

THE UNITED CHURCH
OBSERVER

***It's Renewal and New
Subscription Time -***

The Observer has lots of thought-provoking articles and ideas! Please let us know if you would like a copy of The Observer delivered to your home in 2017. Fill out an OBSERVER envelope (found in the Narthex) with your name and address and return it to the church office. Should you wish to contribute to Northlea to help offset the costs of this plan (Northlea pays \$25/subscription), please include a contribution in the envelope. Thank you! Learn about the Observer <http://www.ucobserver.org/>



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!

More information on how you can get your picture on the People Tree is posted on the Welcome Board.

On Tuesday, November 14 Ben McNally of Ben McNally Books presents his “Winter Reads”. Everyone is welcome! Ben is knowledgeable, funny and entertaining. He gives short synopses and opinions on what’s hot in fiction, non-fiction and some young adult titles. He also



brings copies of books (some hardcover, some trade paper) for purchase ... great for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, or for you – nothing like a good book to curl up with on a cold winter evening! Come for coffee, tea and treats at 7. (We appreciate any bakers who bring treats with them!) Ben will begin at 7:30. There is a \$5.00 charge for each person to offset costs. There will be time to buy books afterwards.

It helps the organizers out to have an idea of numbers, so please be sure to RSVP by email: office@northleaunited.ca or call 416-425-5252 Thanks! Also, help us spread the word by inviting your friends!

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**

*United Church Philanthropy News -
October 2017 - posted on the
Welcome Board and can be found at:*

http://mailchi.mp/united-church/phil_171016?e=0d345b09a2

JOIN GOD

REMAKE THE CHURCH CHANGE THE WORLD

An event of disruption & new possibilities
with **Alan Roxburgh**

The Friday Oct 27 session is geared for clergy, while Saturday Oct 28 is open to everyone. There's still time to register - and the cost is only \$20! Location: Lawrence Park Community Church - 2180 Bayview Ave

(More information posted on the Welcome Board.)

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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