

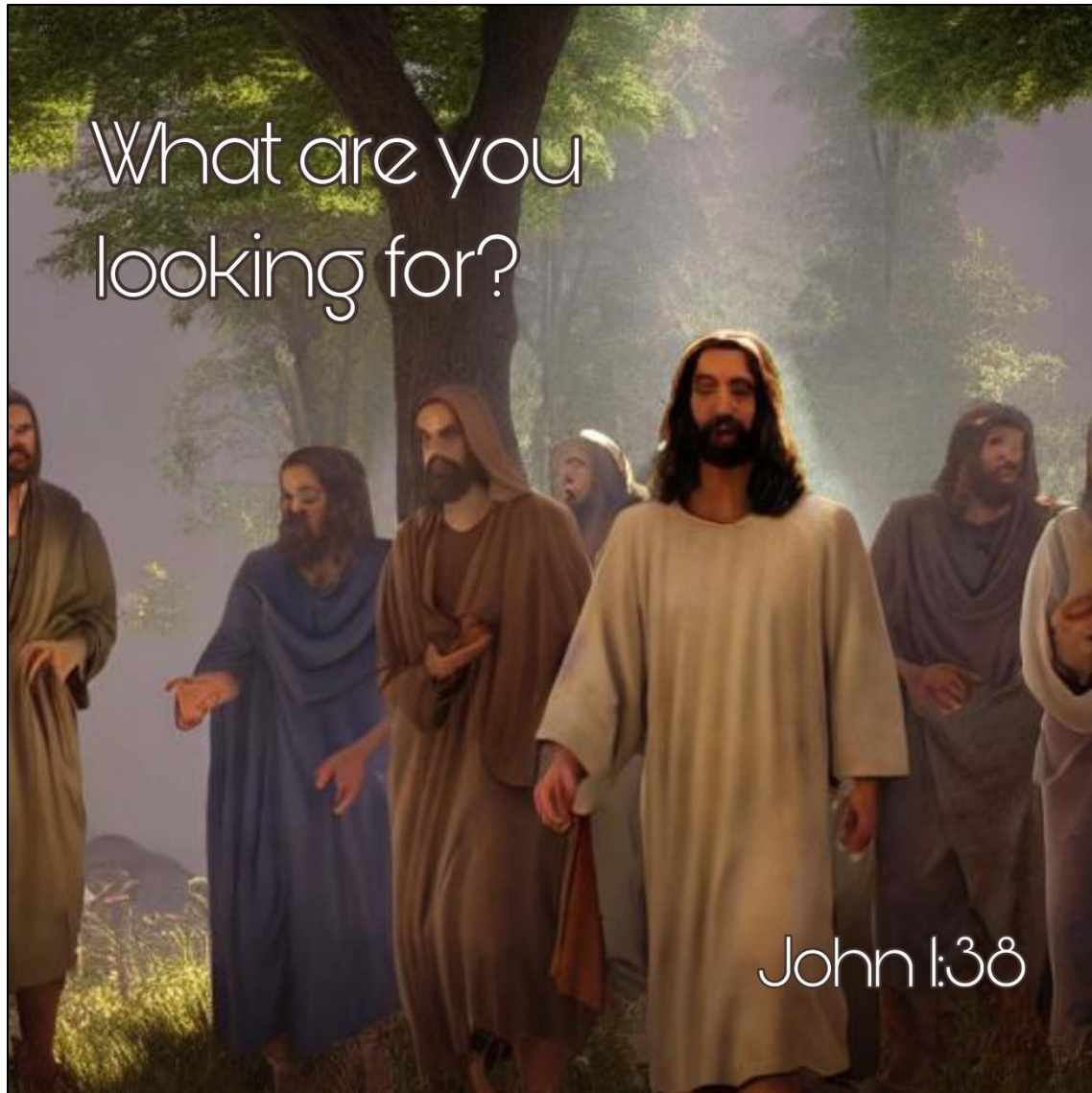


Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ~ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ~ Serve the world

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**Northlea United Church
January 15, 2023**

Prelude

Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we worship on traditional land entrusted to us but belonging to the Creator. We are called to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the many First Nations, who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the treaty territory wherein our church resides. May we not take the land, its first people, and all its many gifts for granted.

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship:

O God, you call us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness

**In joyful obedience,
we come to worship.**

Rising out of the depths of despair,
we gratefully gather for worship.

**In joyful hope,
we come to worship.**

Our God had given us a new song
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

**In joyful trust,
we come to worship God. Amen.**

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Opening Hymn: Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise

Voices United 101

Lighting of the Christ Candle

~ light the candle~

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God

The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet the gathered community with a smile and a bow of greeting)

Opening Prayer:

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the world around us.

**Show us what we should see
but from which we hide our eyes.
Show us how people live in this world
and the reality of their days.
Give us courage to do what you ask and to
'Come and see'.**

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the shape of your Kingdom.

**Show us what life could be like
if only we could see in wisdom.
Show us what we could do
to change things forever with you.
Give us courage to have a vision and to
'Come and see'.**

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the people all around us.

**Show us what we should see,
but what we fail to notice.
Show us what people are saying to us
and what they long for.
Give us courage to be where you are and to
'Come and see'.
Amen.**

~ written by Susan Durber, and posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

~ Listening ~

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, stir us with your word,
as we listen for inspiration in your sacred story.
Amen

Scripture: John 1:29-42

In this reading we hear God's voice,
The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Jody Kinsey

Reflection: What are you looking for?

~ Responding ~

Anthem: God Has Chosen Me

Bernadette Farrell

Offering our Gifts: How shall we respond?

Prayers of the People

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 away from temptation and deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Voices United 563

Sending Forth:

The grace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo, Bob Hurd

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Postlude

Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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