

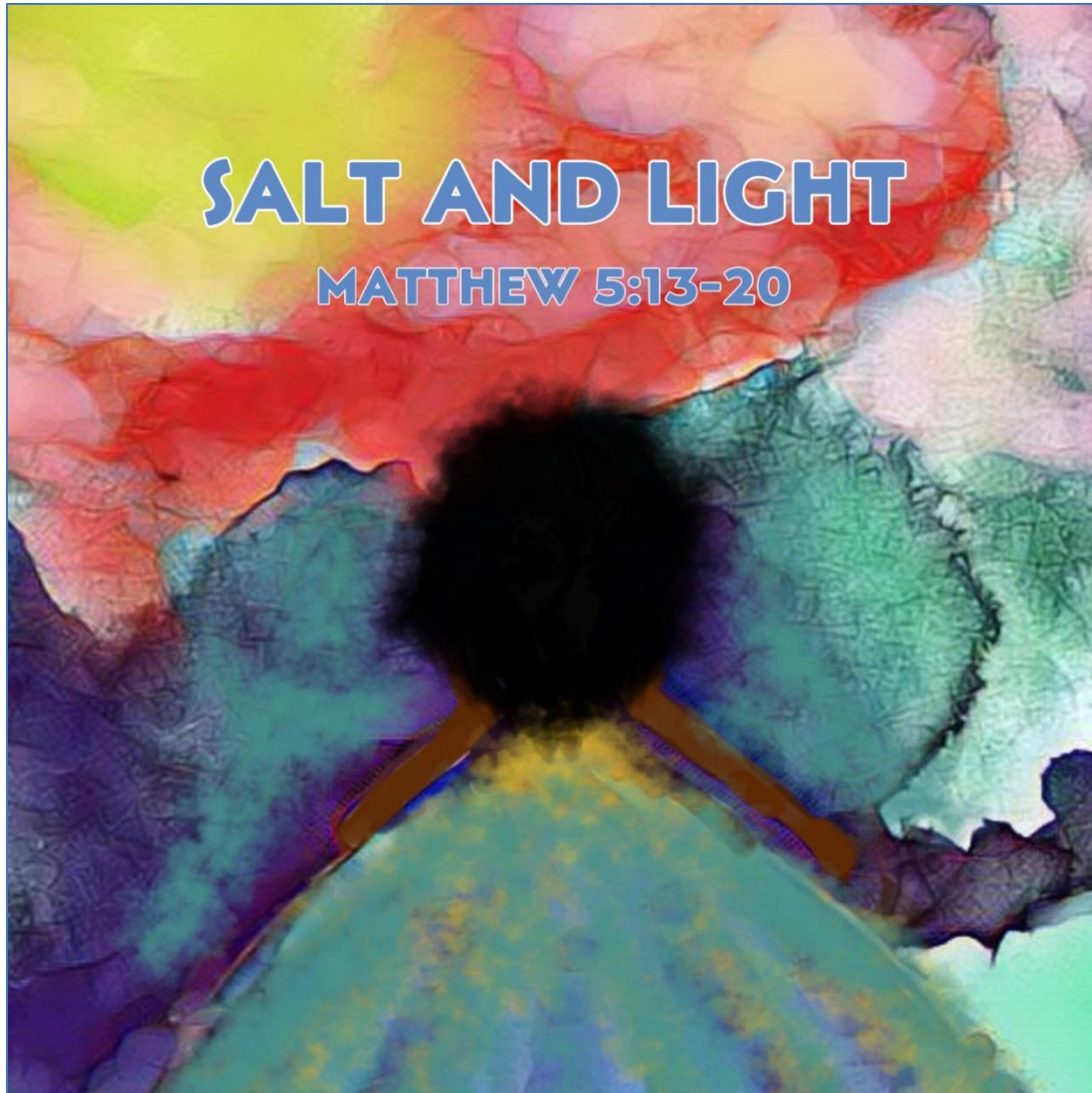


Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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**February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca). There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

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**February 5, 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:**

When we acknowledge the land,  
**we bring light to reconciliation,**  
**and salt to the call for justice.**

When we offer unconditional welcome,  
and share our joys and our concerns,  
**we abide in the kingdom of heaven.**

Today we gather in the spirit of Christ's vision,  
**to participate in the fulfillment of the law.**

As we gather now, with our love for God and neighbor  
**may the light of Christ draw us closer,**  
**open our hearts to wonder,**  
**and hallow the world God made.**

**Opening Hymn: Let There Be Light**

**Voices United 679**

**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:**

**God of mystery and of mercy, who has made us to be salt and light in a bitter, shadowed world of judgment, guide us in this time of worship.**

**Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.**

~ posted on the website of the Caldwell United Methodist Church.

**~ Listening ~**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

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

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-20

Sue Earl

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

**Reflection: Code for Freedom**

*Steal Away (Traditional Spiritual)*, arr. Patrick Dupré Quigley

Karen Davidson

**~ Responding ~**

**Anthem:** Come, My Way, My Truth (The Call)

*also found in Voices United 628*

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Text by George Herbert, 1593-1632. Arr. Tony Alonso, 2019

**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: Go Make a Diff'rence**

**More Voices 209**

### Sending Forth:

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

### Sung Amen

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### Postlude

**Reading Next Week**

From *The Gathering*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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