



Northlea United Church

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

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**April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Prelude:** Christ is Risen

Antonio Lotti (1667–1740)

**Welcome**

**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.*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship:**

Wonderful the fingers that anointed blind eyes,  
the hands that gently touched lepers,  
the arms that embraced little children.

**Wonderful the smile that welcomed outcasts,  
the frown that rebuked the arrogant,  
the tongue that told parables of grace.**

Wonderful the courage that led to Jerusalem,  
the faith that agonised in Gethsemane,  
the love that suffered at Golgotha.

**Wonderful the lips that gave the Easter greeting,  
the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,  
the joy with which He filled them all.**

Wonderful is the Saviour who has brought us here today,  
filled with wonder, love and praise.

— from Easter 3A worship elements, posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

Opening Hymn: Glory In The Cross

Dan Schutte



8. Let us e - ver glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal -  
 9. Let us e - ver glo - ry in the cross of Christ who is  
 10. Let us raise our voi - ces to the cross of Christ where the



- va - tion and our hope. Let us bow in ho - mage to the  
 ri - sen from the grave. He will come in glo - ry to re -  
 earth and heav - en u - nite God has wed cre - a - tion on the



Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole.  
 - ceive our hearts at the dawn of the las - ting day.  
 tree of hope where the dark - ness be - comes our light.



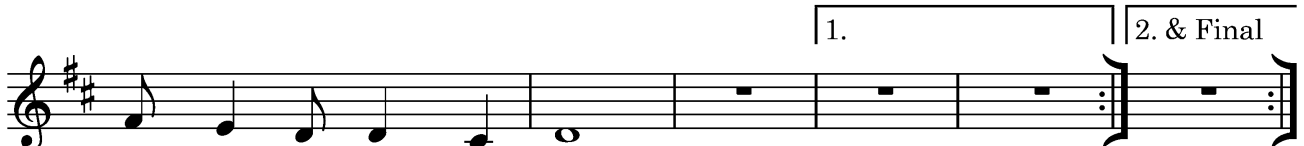
There is no grea - ter love, as bless - ed as this: to  
 For the trum - pet will sound, the dead shall be raised, and  
 Let us join in the dance of heav - en and earth, give



lay down one's life for a friend.  
 death shall de - feat us no more.  
 thanks for the good - ness of God.



*Let us e - ver glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the*



*tri - umph of God's great love.*

## **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:**

**Holy One,**

**On this Eastertide morning, we come to you,  
singing alleluias, celebrating new life all around us,  
not quite believing it all, but going along with it, just the same.**

**We celebrate the doubters and questioners among us,  
who simply keep our faith real,  
who demand that we live our believing  
into faith that works towards justice and peace,  
and making sure that the hungry are nourished and loved.**

**We celebrate the saints among us,  
whose courageous faith  
flies without a safety net,  
reminding us that true discipleship is risky and radical  
in the face of a world held hostage by greed, love of power, and denial.**

**We are your Easter people, Holy One.  
Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious,  
who skip, run, and stumble on the journey.  
We pray that whoever we are this journey,  
that you might open our ears and eyes  
to your call,  
to be Your love,  
wherever we are.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

~ written by Rev Karla, and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org/>

**~ Listening ~**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

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

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

**Reflection:** Raw, Real and Intimate

**~ Responding ~**

**Anthem:** Eastertide Carol - Rise Up in Early Morning      Tune 1628, arranged by Richard Proulx  
*Refrain: In cymbalis bene sonantibus – Trans: with the clash of cymbals sounding well*

**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: Celtic Alleluia**

**Fintan O’Carroll & Christopher Walker**

Al - le - - lu - - ia, al - le - - lu - - ia.

Al - le - - lu - - ia, al - le - - lu - - ia!

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1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to be your disciples to bring all the world to the joy of your Kingdom.
2. Go, with the power of Christ, proclaiming to all, “He is risen! and he lives today at the Right Hand of God!”

**Sending Forth:**

Go out into the world  
in the joy and peace  
of the resurrection of Jesus.

Care for his redeemed creation;  
 follow him as children of the light;  
 make disciples by your life and words;  
 and glorify him by your dedication and love;  
 so may he bless you with his gift of the Holy Spirit  
 and be with you in all the ways you serve.  
 Alleluia. Amen.

~ from Seasonal Worship from the Countryside by The Staffordshire Seven. Posted on the website of the Arthur Rank Centre.

## Sung Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er,  
 a - - men. A - - men. A - - men.  
*rit. poco a poco al fine*  
 Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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## Postlude

### Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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# News for Northlea United

Sign up for the Newsbites or check the website for more information: [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca)

- Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 12:00 noon – Trustee/Council Meeting in-person
- Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm – Love Jazz in-person with Rita di Ghent
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023:
  - Office closed
  - at 7:00 pm – Msit No'kmaq, "All My Relations" Webinar Series with Carolynne Crawley, Part One. Part Two will take place on May 16, 2023.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom
- Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 11:00 am – Outreach Meeting with lunch in-person.
- Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 11:00 am – last Chair Exercise until the fall
- Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 11:45 am - Steve Doherty, Executive Director of Youth Without Shelter Lunch & Learn
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023:
  - 11:00 am – All Staff Meeting
  - 6:00 pm – UCW Potluck, General Meeting, Presentation
- Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Taizé in the Pines
- **Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 11:45 am – Annual General Meeting**
- Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Anniversary Sunday for NUC and BPUC
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm – All My Relations Webinar Part 2
- Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 10:30 am – Worship with Glen Greenwood
- Monday, May 22, 2023 – Victoria Day – Stat Holiday – office closed
- Thursday, May 25, 2023 – Last Choir practice on Thursdays for the summer. Choir will continue to sing on Sunday mornings.
- Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday; Youth Without Shelter Dinner