



Northlea United Church

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...but they did not see Jesus



April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

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. 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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Thank you for helping with today's service:

The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, Guest Minister

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Northlea United Church
Sunday April 23, 2023

Welcome and thank you to Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair for his leadership in today's worship service.

Choral Prelude: *Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100:1-3a)*

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
Servite Domino in lætitia, Serve the Lord with gladness,
Intrate in conspectu ejus in exultatione, And come before God's presence with a song.
quia Dominus ipse est Deus. Know that the Lord is God.*

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

Lois Scott

Joys and Concerns

Sue Earl

Call to Worship:

A sower went out to sow, and some seed fell on good ground. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed through the Living word of God.

Opening Hymn: The Strife Is O'er

Voices United 159

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The light is galloping back to this northern land, a reminder of the goodness that comes when we experience the splendour of a sunlit day. May the light of this Christ candle be a reflection of the light that shines on all of us, in these beautiful spring days, given to us by Creator God.

~ 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:

Rev. Sinclair

Roadside conversations are the making of us. Honest interaction as we roll along. Serious things, happy things, things that terrify us and paralyze the world.

You are in the conversation. Walking near, listening hard, feeling much. Nearing our destination we feel heard, valued and amazed. You are truly great, and we hurry on with intention and listen with keenness to keep your company.

~ Listening ~

Hymn for Celebrating & Caring for God’s Creation: The Earth Is the Lord’s Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



1. “The earth is the Lord’s and the full - ness there - of.”
2. Your rain - for - ests nur - ture the world that we share.
3. Too of - ten, O God, we a - buse your good earth.
4. May we be good stew - ards of all that you give,



Cre - a - tion re - minds us, O God, of your love.
Your wet - lands give an - i - mals shel - ter and care.
We fail to re - mem - ber its beau - ty and worth.
Pro - tect - ing cre - a - tion wher - ev - er we live.



By grace we are learn - ing, as year leads to year,
Your cor - al reefs cra - dle the life of the sea.
We take from cre - a - tion much more than we need,
May we be a church that re - news and re - stores



We’re called to be stew - ards, your care - tak - ers here.
You’ve shown us, in love, what your good world can be.
We threat - en your world through in - dif - f’rence and greed.
And lov - ing - ly cares for this earth that is yours.

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Prayer for Illumination:

Jody Kinsey

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

Amen

Scripture: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35

Jody Kinsey
Rev. Sinclair

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

Reflection: "So, Here's the Deal"

~ Responding ~

Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide

Music: J. Oudaen's David's Psalmen, Amsterdam 1685
Words: George R. Woodward 1894, alt., Harmony: Charles Wood 1902

Offering our Gifts: How shall we respond?

Anne Saunders

We are not powerless. There is much that we can do. We have been called to make a difference, both here and around the world. We bring our gifts as one way to offer God's healing grace to a hurting world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Anne Saunders

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 strength of your word, send us to be your disciples
To bring all the world to the joy of your kingdom.
2. Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the world with his glory.
Darkness vanishes in the light of his power.

Sending Forth:

In Easter tidings we've heard it all. We carry a fresh flame of the light of the world. Be patient, be kind, be present. Let the light shine!

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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Postlude: Alleluia (organ improvisation on the Easter Alleluia chant)

Victor Togni (1935-1965)

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A L-lelú-ia. * ij. V.



Our Guest Minister today is The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair

The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair is retired. He was the preacher at Metropolitan United Church, downtown, for thirty years until early 2019. He is now Minister Emeritus there.

Malcolm has been ordained for 53 years and served four congregations in Toronto. He has also preached across Canada, and in various international settings.

These days, he quietly reimagines the church, and writes poetry daily, in a rather reclusive life. His wife, Elspeth, and the family dog enjoy the family, the cottage and the respite after a full life of public performance and daily pastoral responsibility.

Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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News for Northlea United

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- 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
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 – Healing Forest Dedication