



Northlea United Church

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

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*“Steadfast in your  
faith...”*

**May 21, 2023**  
**Seventh 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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**Thank you for helping with today's service:**

Glen Greenwood – Licensed Lay Worship Leader  
Lay Worship Circle

David Jafelice - Music Director & Music Video Production

Lori Mak, Soprano & Karen Davidson, Alto

Joshua Clemenger, Tenor & Tristan Zaba, Bass

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**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday May 21, 2023**

**Welcome and thank you to Glen Greenwood, Licensed Lay Worship Leader, for his leadership in today's worship service.**

**Prelude: O Rex Gloriam**

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

*Translation: O King of glory, Lord of all power, who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all; do not leave us as orphans, but send us the Father's promise, the Spirit of truth. Alleluia.*

**Acknowledgement:**

*We acknowledge that we are worshipping on the ancestral land of many First Nations peoples. We live, work, play and pray on Treaty 13 lands. May we live in harmony and respect with all those who share the earth with us and be thankful to God as we move into a peaceful and healthy future together.*

**Welcome**

Lois Scott

**Joys and Concerns**

Jo Dullard

**Call to Worship:**

As a good shepherd with their flock of sheep,  
**so is God's loving care.**

As a mother with a newborn child,  
**so is God's loving care.**

As a teacher concerned for a struggling student,  
**so is God's loving care.**

As a cheerful care aide with an elderly person,  
**so is God's loving care.**

Nothing can separate us from God's loving care.

**We find strength in that love,  
fulfillment in that love,  
freedom in that love,  
acceptance in that love,  
and joy in that love.**

**And so, we are ready to worship  
and give thanks to God for that love.**

*David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.*

**Opening Hymn: We Are One**

**Voices United 402**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

Lois Scott

Each new day reminds us of the light that dwells within us – the light God has placed deep within our hearts.

We light the Christ candle, remembering that we are made of light and love, remembering that we are called to bring light and love to others and the world.

Thanks be!

~ 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:**

Glen Greenwood

Gracious God, we thank you, for because of you, we are not orphaned.

We are never alone, and we have you with us forever.

For this, we are beyond grateful.

We are blessed.

For you are our Advocate,

our helper,

our comforter,

our friend,

our one true God forever. Amen.

*Cheryl Henry, Sheridan U.C., Mississauga, Ont.*

~ Listening ~

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

Jim Hartley

O God of glory,  
your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us  
and ascended to your right hand,  
Unite us with Christ and each other,  
in suffering and in joy,  
that all your children may be drawn  
into your bountiful dwelling. Amen

*Vanderbilt Revised Common Lectionary*

**Scripture:** John 17:1-11  
1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Jim Hartley  
Glen Greenwood

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

**Reflection: Suffering in Joy and Hope**

~ Responding ~

**Anthem: Psalm 96**

Rev. T. B. Armstrong, 1978

**Refrain:**

Hal - - le - - lu - - jah! Go and teach\_\_\_ all

peo - ple my gos - pel.\_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - - jah!

Psalm 96. Refrain based on Mark 16:15. Musical Setting by Rev. T. B. Armstrong 1978, alt.

**Offering our Gifts: How shall we respond?**

Ron Scott

We know there is much need in this world, O God,  
And we offer what we can to help.  
Take the food we bring, the clothes we offer, as well as our time, talent and treasure.  
Spread the good we intend where it is needed  
That it may help our neighbours, near and far.  
Through Christ, in love.  
Amen

**Prayers of the People**

Ron Scott

**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 to the World**

**Voices United 420**

## Sending Forth:

With thankful hearts, we leave this space.

**May God, our protector, bless our journey.**

May Jesus Christ, the Risen One, call us to live the gospel word, respect creation, and love our neighbours,

**and may the Holy Spirit inspire us to be Christ's church in the world.**

Go now to do God's work and live Christ's love. Amen.

*Anne Mathewson, St. David's Trinity U.C., Saskatoon, Sask.*

## 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



## Glen Greenwood Biography

Glen is a graduate of Concordia University and Emmanuel College. He lives in Toronto and is retired from a career in sales. Glen is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader in Shining Waters Regional Council. Since graduating from Emmanuel College, Glen has continued to audit courses at Emmanuel College and the Vancouver School of Theology. Glen enjoys golf and time with his family. He is Past President of the Emmanuel College Alumni Association. Glen is happily married to Jane. They have three adult daughters.

### Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34;  
1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

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# Northlea News

## All that's happening this May and June...

- Monday, May 22, 2023 – Victoria Day – Stat Holiday – office closed
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom
- Thursday, May 25, 2023 – Last Choir practice on Thursdays for the summer. Choir will continue to sing on Sunday mornings. Choir will gather after practice for a celebration.
- Friday, May 26, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Singing in the Pines – outdoor with Marshmallows, Smores and lots of singing! Bring the whole family.
- Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 10:30 am – Worship and Pentecost Sunday with Congregational lunch provided after service
- Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 11:00 am – All Staff Meeting in person
- Sunday, June 4, 2023 – 5:00 pm - Youth Without Shelter Dinner
- Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Taizé in the Pines
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 11:00 am – Healing Forest Dedication
- Sunday, June 18, 2023 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Linda Levin