



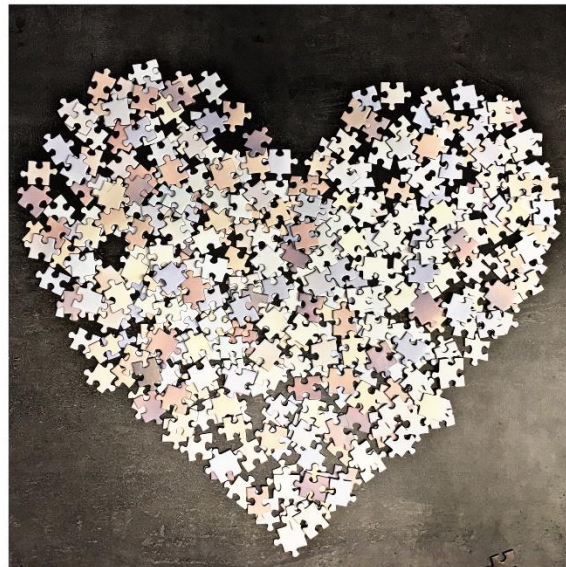
Northlea United Church

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# Undivided Love



John 14:1-14

**May 7, 2023**

**Fifth 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](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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**Thank you for helping with today's service:**

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**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Prelude:** Exsultate Justi - (*Psalm 33:1-3*)

Ludovico da Viadana (c.1560-1627)

*Rejoice you just in the Lord, praise is fitting for the upright.  
Praise the Lord with the harp, with the psalter of ten strings.  
Everyone sing, sing to him a new song, sing well in a loud voice.*

**Welcome**

**Land 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.*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship:**

We gather together in the presence of God,  
the Lord of heaven and earth:  
the Creator of our world and everything in it;  
the One who gave us life and breath,  
the One who is never far away from any of us,  
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

**Let's worship God together!**

**Opening Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

**Voices United 331**

**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:**

Grounded in who we are, O God,  
people come to know you as Creator,  
people come to know you as Redeemer,

people come to know you as Sustainer,  
and so, we open ourselves to you.

**In that opening, we turn to our neighbours—  
acknowledging the diversity of beliefs and ways of life found among us—  
and we offer your love.**

God-of-All, may your love always be made tangible in our words and in our actions, day by day.

**God-of-All, help others to know your love through us.**

Help us to be a safe space;  
help us to be a safe people—  
for all.

Amen.

Richard Bott, Toronto, Ont.

**Hymn: Behold I Make All Things New**

**More Voices 115**

~ Listening ~

**Prayer for Illumination:**

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

Amen

**Scripture:** John 14:1-14

Anne Saunders

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

**Reflection:** Undivided Love – The Great I Am

~ Responding ~

**Anthem:** We Are All Parts of One Body

Bob Hurd

**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.**

**Sending Forth:**

Step out into the world in humble confidence:  
 there is no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,  
 preparing a place and an opportunity for you to shine.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
 keep your hearts and minds  
 in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.  
 And the blessing of God all-loving,  
 the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor,  
 will be with you now and always. Amen!

**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**



# News for Northlea United

- **TODAY, May 7, 2023 – 11:45 am – Annual General Meeting**
- Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day; Anniversary Sunday for NUC and BPUC and Baptism; Cake after service – thanks to Rick and Joyce Coombs
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023
  - 1:00 pm – All Staff Meeting in person
  - 7:00 pm – All My Relations Webinar Part 2 – on Zoom
- Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 10:30 am – Worship with LLWL Glen Greenwood
- 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

**Reading Next Week**

From *The Gathering*

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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