



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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“Come and see”

John 1:46

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Northlea rests on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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:

Rev. Eun-Joo Park – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

Jo Dullard – Video Production ✧ Donna Rutz – Social Media Support

Stephen Popiel – Reader

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Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

416 425 5252 or office@northleaunited.ca

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**Northlea United Church
Sunday, January 14, 2024**

We welcome Rev. Eun-Joo Park as our guest minister today.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Donna Rutz

Come joyfully before God!

God knows us and loves us!

Come prayerfully before God!

God sees our concerns and our fears!

Come hopefully before God!

Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!

Know throughout all of your being, that God absolutely loves you!

How precious and powerful that knowledge is! Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn: Come, Children, Join to Sing

Voices United 345

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Lois Scott

We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of Christ shines upon us each and every day.

The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)

Opening Prayer:

Lois Scott

Loving God, day by day, you bless the earth with all that is needed to sustain life. Without ceasing, you keep prodding and challenging the human family to share and seek justice for all. Endlessly, you embrace us with your forgiving mercy and put before us your vision of peace, joy, and wholeness. Thank you, God, for your goodness and for times to rejoice in your grace. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, your beloved one, our friend and companion on the journey of life. Amen

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Voices United 663

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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

Scriptures:

I Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

Stephen Popiel

Psalms 139, Choir: O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell

John 1:43-51

Stephen Popiel

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

Reflection

Eun-Joo Park

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Jesus Calls Us

Austin C. Lovelace

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: Now Thank We All Our God

Voices United 236

Sending Forth:

And now, go from this time of worship, knowing that the God who made you also sustains you.

The God who calls us also goes with us. The God who loved us before we were born still loves us today, and into all the tomorrows.

God bless you and keep you. God be kind and gracious to you. God look upon you and give you peace, now and forever more.

Amen.

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo / Bob Hurd

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

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Postlude

Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit northleaunited.ca.



Rev. Eun-Joo Park Biography

Rev. Eun-Joo Park is a Minister for Communities of Faith Support and Pastoral Relations at Shining Waters Regional Council. Before taking the Regional Council Staff position, she was in pastoral ministry for 22 years. She currently lives in Sault Ste. Marie with her husband, Sam, daughter, Tia and their dog, Tessa.

What's Happening at Northlea in 2024?

New Year Events

TODAY!

- **Muffin Mornings for LPC begins!** – Once again Northlea United is raising funds to help support the Community Outreach program managed by Leaside Presbyterian. We hope to raise enough funds to cover at least a month of expenses for the 20 or so participants in the program – all we need is \$27/program person! – See Newsbites for more details.
- **7:00 pm – Northlea United is thrilled to host "Broadway & Beyond: An Exploration of Musical Theatre and English Art Song"** featuring our own Joshua Clemenger along with Ivan Jovanovic. They will take us on a musical journey through the soundscapes of English Art Song to the stages of Broadway.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – 11:30 am – Lunch & Learn: Fraud Awareness with Toronto Police

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Roberta Howey

Sunday, January 28, 2024

- 10:30 am - Worship with LLWL Cheryl Stenson
- 5:00 pm - Youth Without Shelter Dinner. Contact Rick Coombs if you want to cook up a storm with the group!

Thursday, February 15, 2024 – start date - Northlea United is invited to join Leaside United in a **Lenten Study Group: Act/Fast? Spiritual Practices for a Climate Crisis** – the study will run the 5

weeks of Lent with weekly emails and weekly discussion groups - see Newsbites for more information. The deadline to be included in the group book order and possible discount is this Thursday, January 18th. (Email or call the office at 416 425 5252).

ONGOING EVENTS

Wednesdays:

- **Nothing But Treble** youth choir from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- **For the Love of Singing** Community Choir at 7:30 pm will continue in 2024 – start date in February to be decided.

Thursdays:

- **Art Circle** at 1:30 pm - everyone welcome
- **Northlea Church Choir** practice at 7:30 pm

Fridays:

- **Bible Study** at 2:30 pm on Zoom.

NORTHLEA UNITED PRESENTS

BROADWAY & BEYOND

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