

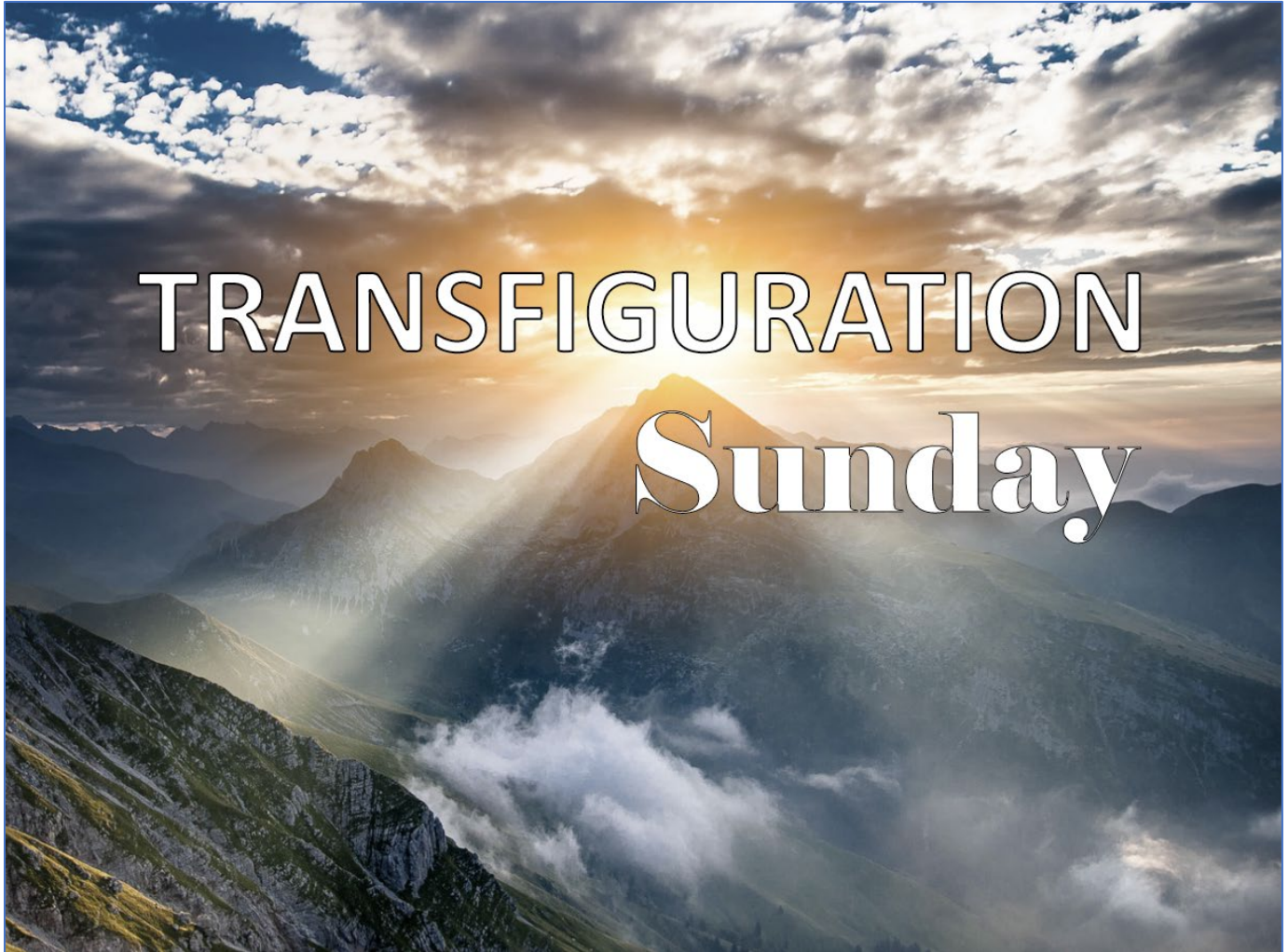


Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

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:

Facebook:

Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

www.northleaunited.ca:

Visit our website. Links will be posted to our homepage for easy access.

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Daniel Benson – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Jordan Baldwin – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

Jackie Morris - Reader

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Consider financially supporting Northlea United through Canada Helps (scan QR code) or by contacting the office to receive a Pre-Authorized Remittance form to set up automatic monthly donations or by mailing in your donation.



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, February 11, 2024

We welcome Rev. Daniel Benson as our guest minister today.

Choral Prelude: O Nata Lux

Daniel Villard

*Translation: O Light born of Light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of your blessed body.*

Welcome:

Donna Rutz

Call to Worship:

We gather together in this most sacred time.

**Where two or more are gathered in Christ's name,
the Spirit is there.**

Let us open our eyes to witness
the wondrous possibilities to be revealed,
from the past and now the present.

**Join us with the heart of Love,
the mind of hope and the Spirit of grace.**

Gathering Hymn: All Praise to Thee

Voice United 327

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Ray Murrill

This candle reminds us of God's light shining in the darkness.
And we will carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us
everyday.

~ Light candle ~

The light of Christ

Thanks be to God.

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:

O Holy One,

**on mountaintops and valley floors
you reveal to us the light of your love.**

**Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory
of the divine presence.**

With each encounter we are changed and transformed.

Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.

Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.

May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing,

**bearing light into dark places,
hope to displace despair,
and love that casts out hate.**

Our world is hurting,

and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.

Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,

“listen to my Child, the Beloved!” Amen.

Hymn: Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

More Voices 18

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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

Amen

Scripture: Exodus 24:12 – 18; 34:29 & Mark 9:2 - 9

Jackie Morris

In these readings we hear God’s voice,

The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Reflection: Transfigure-what??

Rev. Daniel Benson

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Christus Paradox

Text by Sylvia Dunstan, arrangement by Alfred Fedak

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker, and sword-bringer of the way you took, and gave. You are the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.
2. Closed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the Cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier’s toss. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.
3. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

4. Worthy is our earthly, Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic, Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy, still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Hallelujah. You, who are our death and our life.

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Daniel Benson

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: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Voices United 586

Benediction and Commissioning:

Rev. Daniel Benson

We entered worship today, following the same light that led the Magi to the stable.

We have worshipped in the light of Jesus, that bids, 'follow me.'

Today we have seen Jesus Transfigured on the mountain.

And we heed his call to be transfigured in our own hearts, in our own souls, on our own mountains.

And so, we go into the world, transformed and transforming, blessed and a blessing to all whom we meet.

May it be so!

Today, even as we take the light of Epiphany with us, we enter the darker days of Lent, that will lead us to the Cross. May God guide our footsteps ever forward, in light and in shadow, in joy and in sorrow, always in faith.

May it be so! Amen!!

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo / Bob Hurd

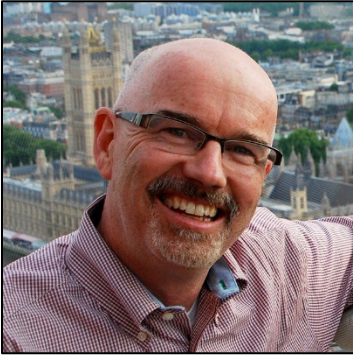
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Postlude



Biography: Rev. Daniel Benson

As a recently retired minister, I've been 'pew surfing' most Sundays, but I'm also enjoying the opportunity to guest preach and meet new congregations on a regular basis – so I'm delighted to be with you here at Northlea today. I've served numerous churches here in Toronto, most recently East End as their Intentional Interim Minister. Before that, I was Executive Minister of Communications at the General Council. Going way back, I was a practicing horologist, a study I integrated into my theology thesis: "Beyond Paley's Watch." My non-churchy pastimes include singing, theatre (watching, not performing!), restoring antique timepieces and vehicles, travel, and history. My husband Grant and I live in the east end, with our much-too-smart-but-loveable dog, Keeley.

Reading Next Week

From *The Gathering*

Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lent I: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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

What's Happening at Northlea

TODAY! Loonies for Lent begins – get your loonie box and start saving those loonies for Lent. In 40 days you will have \$40 to help buy a kid at TNO a back pack! See Jo to get your box.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm – Potluck Supper with special dessert – sign up after Sunday Service.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 7:30 pm – For the Love of Singing Community Choir will begin again. Contact the office to register.

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
Beginning Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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.

Be sure to pick up your
Loonies for Lent box today!

