



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Karen Chandler – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

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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, March 3, 2024

We welcome Karen Chandler as our guest worship leader today.

Choral Prelude: Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Text: Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

Translation: This place was made by God, a inestimable holy place, it is irreproachable.

Welcome:

Donna Rutz

Call to Worship:

We gather today to heal our minds,
to restore our hearts and our spirits.

The world tempts us to ignore the suffering of others.

We seek courage to put aside our self-preoccupation,
and trust in Christ to break through our indifference.

Together may our faith be renewed in the Spirit of compassion.

Gathering Hymn: Let This Be the Time

Lori True

Verse Response

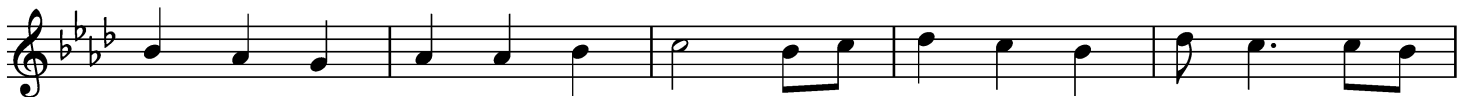


Let this be the time._____

Refrain



Come and tear down the old___ ways and build up the new,___ be the God of our



prom - ise; all hope rests in you. With the fire of your Spir - it, blaze a



king - dom of truth.____ Pre - pare us for ac - tion, let noth - ing dis -



- tract us from you!_____ Let this be the time._____

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Diana Bennett

Light and warmth are returning to the land outside these walls.
May this candle's flickering light serve as a reminder
of our deep connection to the natural world and
the comforting embrace of God's presence among us.

~ 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:

**Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
at this mid-point in the Lenten journey,
look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.**

**May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to Your love and truth.**

**We pray that this church community,
will be purified in its life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal Your Gospel to others.**

Amen

— written by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community. Posted on the Uniting Church SA website

Hymn: Open Our Hearts

Jim Strathdee

O - pen our hearts, o - pen our minds. O - pen our
lives to you O lov - ing God. O - pen our hearts.

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❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Diana Bennett

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

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Diana Bennett

John 2:13-22

Karen Chandler

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

Reflection: Sacred Spaces

Karen Chandler

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Renew Me, Lord

Bernadette Farrell

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: Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Voices United 117

Benediction and Commissioning

Sung Amen: Belmont Amen

Christopher Walker

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**We thank Karen Chandler
who was our guest worship leader today.**

Karen Chandler is an MDiv student at Emmanuel College and a Candidate for Ministry in The United Church of Canada. Karen has grown up in the United Church, Heritage United Church from a young age. She has taught Sunday School and Youth Groups as well as Chaired both Ministry & Personnel Committee and led her Church Council for several years. Karen felt her calling to ministry in 2017 and enrolled at Emmanuel College in 2019.

Reading Next Week

From The Gathering

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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

Lent and Easter at Northlea

Tuesdays in Lent – Soup Lunch at noon – February 27 & March 5, 12, 19 in the Community Room – don't miss it!

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Fourth in Lent – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Jennifer Henry

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Fifth in Lent – 10:30 am – Worship with Karen Chandler; Last day for Loonies for Lent! Be sure to put your loonie box in the plate and help send a kid to camp this summer!

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday:

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Alydia Smith - Last day for Flower Tribute donations
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

Friday, March 29, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship at Leaside Presbyterian 670 Eglinton Ave E. – Northlea Choir and Leaside Choir will collaborate for this service. The office will be closed this Friday.

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter:

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
- 11:30 am – Volunteers to take flowers to the Homebound. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office by Thursday, March 28th at noon.

Monday, April 1, 2024 – the office will be closed (no fooling!)

Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship
- Wednesdays – 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble Youth Choir; 7:30 pm – For The Love Of Singing Community Choir
- Thursdays – 1:30 pm Art Circle; 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice
- Fridays – 2:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom

HOT and HEARTY...and OH, SO GOOD!

SOUP FOR LUNCH

Join us every
Tuesday in Lent
at 12 p.m.
starting
February 20



A different flavour every week!