

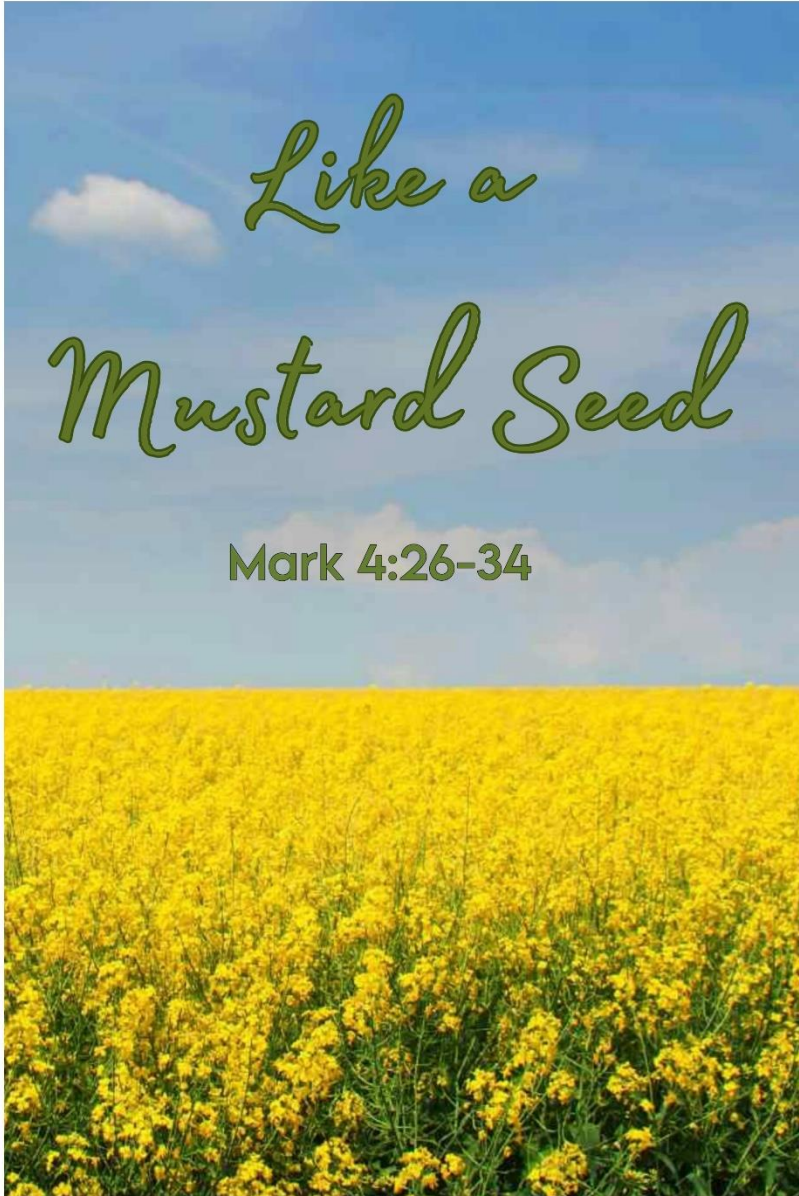


Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

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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

Northlea United Church
Sunday, June 16, 2024

Choral Prelude: We Sing of Your Glory

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Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Response:

We believe that our relationships with the Creator, the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.

Call to Worship:

The beginning and the end of our life is a mystery;

God knows and God cares.

In the influences for good in our life,

God's way is known.

In the mistakes that we make,

God's way is learned.

In the faith journey that is ours,

God travels with us.

We come to worship God who creates the glorious mystery that is our earthly existence.

Thanks be to God. Amen

David Sparks, Called to Act, 2023

Gathering Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation

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Candle Lighting

~ Light candle ~

Response: Open Our Hearts

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O - pen our hearts, _____ o - pen our minds. _____ O - pen our

lives to you O lov - ing God. _____ O - pen our hearts. _____

Note: The second line of music includes a first ending bracket labeled "Last time" over the final measure.

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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 Responsive Prayer:

Most Loving God, from the smallest seed, the largest tree may grow.

From the unexpected word of confidence,
comes determination to go forward unafraid.

From the willingness to join in community
Comes the strength of a faithful group.

From the unwillingness to live with injustice
Comes actions that bring fundamental change.

From the unloved and downhearted being noticed
Comes the move toward nurturing and acceptance.

We will take note of the smallest needs.

We will sow the seeds of change.

We will foster growth and support.

And in all this, we will be about your work, O God.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

David Sparks, Called to Act, 2023

Hymn: God Says

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❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Diane Carlton

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

Reflection: Like a Mustard Seed?

❖ **Responding** ❖

Anthem: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell, see next page

Anthem: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and die, —
— it re - mains — but a sin - gle grain — with no life. —

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Words of Thanks and Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

**Holy One, we offer you the blessings you have already given us—
our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes—
Use them and transform them for the good of your church and your world.
May these gifts be a blessing to the people of this community and beyond. Amen.**

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: This is God's Wondrous World

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Sending Forth:

If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation:
Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
God opens up new paths before us.
Let us step forth boldly.
And may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer,
and Sustainer, be with us in each new moment,
this day and always. Amen

Sung Amen:

Bob Dufford, SJ.

A - - men, hal - le - lu - - jah, for_ ev - er and ev - er, for_ ev - er, hal - le - lu - jah, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men._____

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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

1 Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Psalm 9:9-20; Psalm 133;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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



Ontario Legislature Tour & High Tea Thank You

Red stone and marble displayed the Ontario Parliament Buildings majesty at its best on Friday, June 7, 2024.

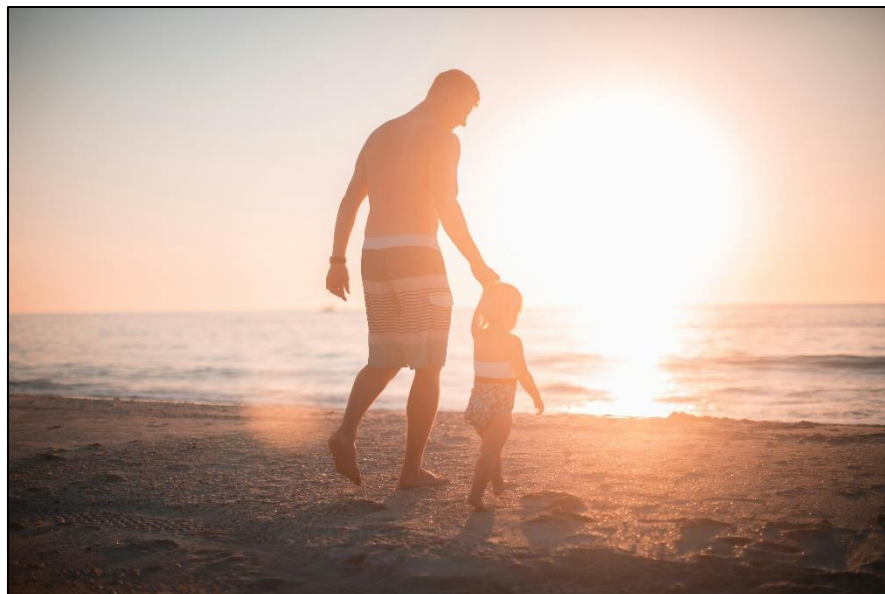
We saw that the building united modern technology with structure from the 1800s. We were greeted at the modern lower level that had a cafeteria, washrooms and updated functional rooms. We travelled by staircase or elevator to the main foyer

and grand entrance and later to the upper floor.

Among the memorabilia in the hallways were: the mace used to open provincial parliament, large paintings of individual premiers, a section of many women's parliamentary roles and souvenirs of early Ontario life, as well as displays on particularly notable representatives. Detailed information was given on the throne room where our Members of Provincial Parliaments' government roles are played out. We were further entertained by three playlets on our route and a fourth while we enjoyed a delicious High Tea. The tea was meant to please every taste. Our guides were helpful, informative and charming throughout our visit. Thanks to those who attended.

The UCW of Northlea.

Happy Father's Day as we celebrate those who are father figures in our lives!



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What's Happening at Northlea...

- **Fridays - Bible Study** - will continue to meet on Zoom for June 21 at 2:30 pm. On Friday, June 28, 2024 the group will meet in person at 2:30 pm in the Community Room as the last session before the summer break. This will also be the last time Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom will be in attendance.
- **Sunday, June 23, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman
- **Friday, June 28, 2024** – 2:30 pm Bible Study in person in the Community Room – last one before summer break.
- **Sunday, June 30, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman - Pride Sunday!
- **Sunday, July 7, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship and Communion with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom - Lee-Ann's last day in the pulpit. The service will be followed by a lunch with sandwiches and strawberry cake.
- **Sunday, July 14, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman - Last in-person worship service at Northlea United until September 1, 2024.
- **July 19 - August 19, 2024** - the office will be closed for vacation and will reopen on August 20. Emails and voicemail will be periodically reviewed and forwarded as needed.

SUMMER SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Northlea United will offer pre-recorded online services on our website at northleaunited.ca for the 6 Sundays Northlea is closed: July 21 & 28; August 4 & 11, 18 & 25. Northlea United is invited to attend in-person worship with Leaside United at 10:30 am for July 21, 28 and August 4.

Rev. Kerri Hagerman will preach in-person at Leaside Presbyterian at 670 Eglinton Ave E at 10:30 am for August 11, 18 and 25. For those who would like to attend Leaside Presbyterian on Zoom, please contact the LPC office at 416 422 0510.

Rev. Kerri Hagerman will be available for pastoral care this summer by email at kerri@northleaunited.ca.

Things to look forward to in September

Be sure to save the dates!

- **Sunday, September 1, 2024** - 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman - we are back at Northlea for the start of the season!
- **Friday, September 6, 2024** - 2:30 pm - Bible Study resumes on Zoom.
- **Thursday, September 12, 2024** - 7:30 pm - Northlea choir rehearsal resumes
- **Saturday, September 14, 2024** - 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Harvest Festival
- **Sunday, September 15, 2024** - 5:00 pm - Love Jazz with Faith Amour
- **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** - 7:30 pm - Taizé
- **Thursday, September 19, 2024** - 1:30 pm - Art Circle resumes weekly
- **Sunday, September 29, 2024** – 5:00 pm – Dinner delivery to Youth Without Shelter