



Northlea United Church  
**In the community. For the community.**  
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**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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](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:**

Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith – 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

Stephen Popiel- Reader

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**We welcome Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith as our guest minister today.**

**Choral Prelude:** Hosanna to the Son of David (*Matthew 21:9*)    Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

**Acknowledgement**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Donna Rutz

**Gospel: John 12:12-16**

Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah,  
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

**Processional Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour**

**Voices United 122**

**Call to Worship:**

Donna Rutz

Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey,  
seeking to transform the people.

**People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches  
and praise him as royalty.**

Jesus enters into our lives humbly, as he did then,  
seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

**Let us worship together,  
and receive Christ into our presence.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

~ 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:**

**Holy One,  
today we celebrate your triumphant entry into Jerusalem so long ago.**

We also know that this day begins the final phase  
of your journey to the cross,  
a journey filled with pain and sorrow.  
We gather here to walk with you,  
knowing your fate and the suffering you will endure.  
We commit to the hope that we know your suffering will bring,  
and trust in the power of your love to lead us.  
May we find the courage and strength we most need,  
as we face a harsh side of humanity.  
May we find the grace to forgive as you forgave,  
and by that grace may our true humanity be restored.  
Amen

**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** ❖

**Psalm: 118:1-2, 19-29 Voices United page 837 parts 1, 3 & 4**

**Stephen Popiel**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith**

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

**Scripture: Mark 11:1-11**

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

**Reflection: Don’t Rain on my Parade!**

❖ **Responding** ❖

**Anthem: Sing Hosanna**

**Michael Jothen**

## Prayers of the People

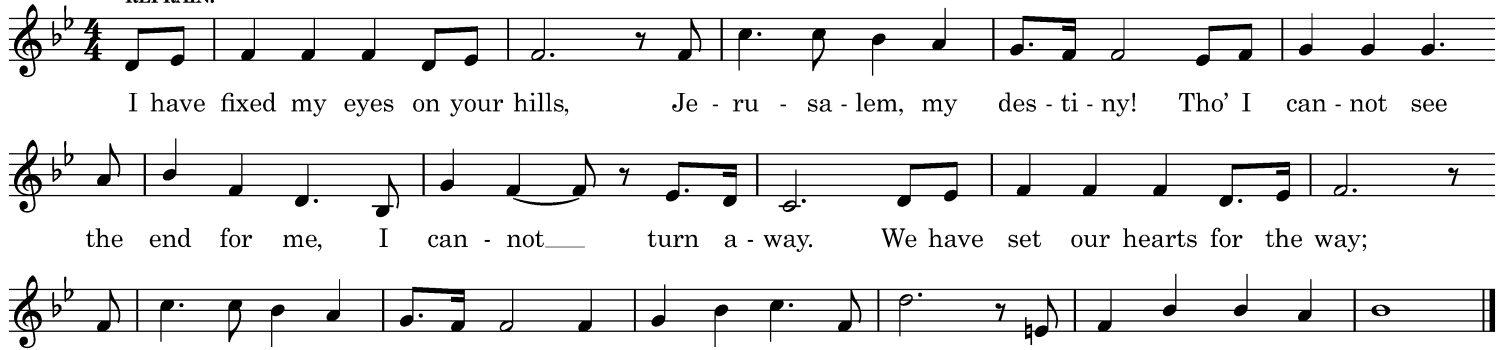
### Lord's Prayer:

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: Jerusalem My Destiny

Rory Cooney

REFRAIN:



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my des - ti - ny! Tho' I can - not see  
the end for me, I can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the way;  
this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

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2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.  
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.  
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.

### Benediction

#### Sung Amen: Belmont Amen

Christopher Walker



A - - - men, a - - - - - men.

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**Our guest to day:  
Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith**

Alydia is a worship leader, educator, caregiver, mother, and Jesus-follower who works at the General Council Office of The United Church of Canada supporting worship and faith formation ministries. She is a tuba player who holds a bachelor's in music from Western University, a master's in divinity from the Atlantic School of Theology, and a doctorate in worship from Drew University under the mentorship of Donald Hilliard and Leonard Sweet. Alydia

loves learning and crafting and is always looking for new opportunities to grow and create.

**Services and Readings for Holy Week**

*From The Gathering*

**Maundy Thursday:**

Exodus 12:1-4, 5-10, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31-35

**Good Friday:**

Isaiah 51:13-53:12; Palam 22; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**Easter Sunday:**

Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-0; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca).

# What's Happening at Northlea?

**Today is the last day to contribute to the Flower Tribute and is the last day to hand in your Loonies for Lent. Tonight: Youth Without Shelter Dinner**

**Good Friday, March 29, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship at Leaside Presbyterian Church, 670 Eglinton Ave E. – Northlea Choir and Leaside Choir will collaborate for this service. The office will be closed Friday and Monday, April 1, 2024 for Easter.

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024:**

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom, the choir and Brass Quartet.
- 11:30 am – Volunteers to take flowers to the Homebound.

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024** – 11:00 am – Spring Chair Exercise begins and continues for 6 weeks.

**Sunday, April 7, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Nancy Hardy

**Sunday, April 14, 2024:**

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Ambury Stuart
- 11:30 am – UCW Lunch and Learn about the Abiona Centre
- 5:00 pm – Love Jazz with Paul Callander

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024** – 7:30 pm – Taizé

**Sunday, April 21, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with LLWL Cheryl Stenson

## Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship
- Wednesdays:
  - 11:00 am – Chair Exercise – Starts April 3
  - 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

# Love Jazz

with Paul Callander

Sunday, April 14, 2024

5:00 pm

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## Taizé



an evening of reflection & meditation.

With Andrew & Wendy Donaldson

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7:30—8:15 pm

Looking for an oasis of  
prayer, meditation & music in your busy life?

Come to Northlea for Taizé in the Sanctuary

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