



Northlea United Church

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Love has Risen!

March 31, 2024

Easter 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:

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Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom – Presiding
David Jafelice – Music Director
Guest Organist – Gerald Martindale

Brass Quartet:

Kyle Pogline - Trumpet I, Paul Callander - Trumpet II,
Andrew Gormley - Trombone I, Ray Sun - Trombone II

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto
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Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Prelude: Praise!
Fanfare Opus 85

Gilbert Martin
C. S. Lang

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
Darkness has been vanquished!
THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!
Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!
ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

Gathering Hymn: Fanfare in C
Jesus Christ is Risen Today

John Ferguson
Voices United 155

Lighting the Christ Candle

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:

God of Awesome Joy, be with us this day as we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Let the light of your love flood into our lives and through us to all those who have been captured by darkness, that the light may give them healing, freedom and hope. As we witness the surprise of the women at the tomb, the appearance of the Saviour to Mary, and her good news brought to the disciples, let us remember that this good news exists for us today. Darkness does not win. Death is not victorious. Christ is Risen, for us all. We are raised with Christ to a new life of hope and service. Let us truly be the “Easter People” that you have called us to be. For we ask these things in the name of the Risen Love. AMEN.

❖ The Word ❖

Psalm 118: This is the Day

Michael Joncas



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re - joice and be glad.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re - joice and be glad.____

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Prayer for Illumination:

June Covers

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

Scripture Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

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

Response to Gospel: Alleluia, Praise to God

More Voices 59



1. Al - le - lu - ia, praise to God. Al - le - lu - ia, praise to God.
2. Songs of joy sing out to God. Songs of joy sing out to God.
3. Beat the drums, sing out to God. Beat the drums, sing out to God.



Prais - es, high prais - es, we bring you, O God. Al - le - lu - ia, praise to God.
Danc - ing and sing - ing, we praise you, O God. Songs of joy sing out to God.
Prais - es, high prais - es, we bring you, O God. Beat the drums, sing out to God.

Words and music: traditional Yoruba song from Nigeria as taught by Emmanuel Badejo.
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Reflection: Baskets of Love!

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Invitation to Communion:

The gift of the empty tomb is the unlimited grace risen from death and written on our hearts. We remember the story so that we can embrace once again that the Love of God is limitless. Our tradition invites us to gather at the table with the Spirit of Christ to receive this Love and then take it out into the world to share with others. At this table all are welcome!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayers:

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child.

You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life – a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

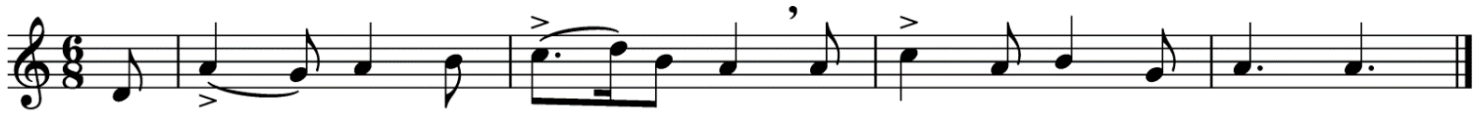
You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life.

You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life — that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son,
the resurrected One.

You sent your only begotten, in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those
who believed in him, received all who sought him.

He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate, he offered Divine Life to all
people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people.

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God
that we gather this morning and remember . . .

The Bread

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

The Cup

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

♪ Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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**Longing to experience and share
the fullness of Life that you offer,
we take these gifts that you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us
through Jesus Christ.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way,
that we may further your reign of peace
and justice in every place.

In the eating of this bread, as the substance of Christ's teachings,
and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's passionate love,
we invite your life to fill us;
we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully
to be the body of Christ in the world.

All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

♪ Great Amen



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

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Sharing the meal - Hymn: Eat This Bread

Voices United 466



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, and the Taizé Community, 1984

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, gracious, God,
Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.
We have rested in the depth of your love;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
We accept your Spirit into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.
And we give you thanks.

Closing Hymn: Closing Hymn: Fanfare in D
Glory in the Cross of Christ

John Ferguson
Dan Schutte, *see page 10*

Sending Forth:

Brothers and sisters!
May the joy of resurrection
and the hope of Easter
fill your hearts and minds.
May you see a glimpse of
the risen Christ
in everyone you meet!
And may they see a glimpse of
the risen Christ in you!

Sung Amen:

Ken Canedo / Bob Hurd

A - - men. _____ A - - men. _____ Now and for - ev - er, _____
_____ a - - men. _____ A - - men. _____ A - - men. _____
rit. poco a poco al fine
_____ Now and for - ev - er, _____ a - - men. _____

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Brass Postlude: Vignon Vignetta

Francesco da Milano (1497-1543)

Music List

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Closing Hymn: Fanfare in D

Glory in the Cross of Christ

John Ferguson

Dan Schutte



1. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ,
2. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ
3. Let us raise our voi - ces to the cross of Christ



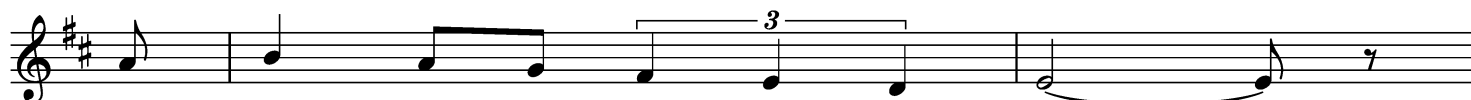
our sal - va - tion and our hope. Let us bow in ho - mage to the
who is ri - sen from the grave. He will come in glo - ry to re -
where the earth and heav - en u - nite God has wed cre - a - tion on the



Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole.
- ceive our hearts at the dawn of the las - ting day.
tree of hope where the dark - ness be - comes our light.



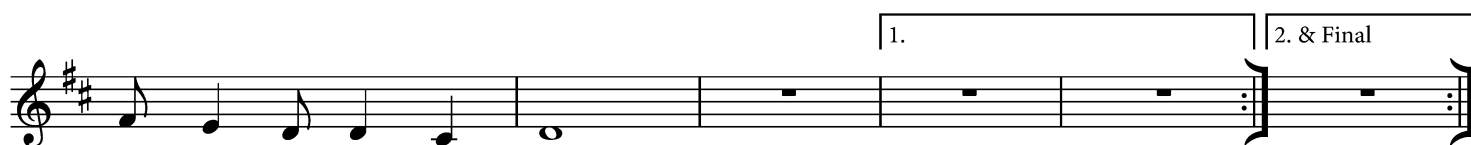
There is no great - er love, as bless - ed as this:
For the trum - pet will sound, the dead shall be raised,
Let us join in the dance of heav - en and earth,



to lay down one's life for a friend.
and death shall de - feat us no more.
give thanks for the good - ness of God.



Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the



tri - umph of God's great love.

1.

2. & Final

What's Happening at Northlea?

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

Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 7:30 pm – Choir Practice

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 until May 8th
 - 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble Youth Choir extended until May 8th
 - 7:30 pm – For The Love Of Singing Community Choir continues until May 1st
- Thursdays – 1:30 pm Art Circle; 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice
- Fridays – 2:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

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

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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