

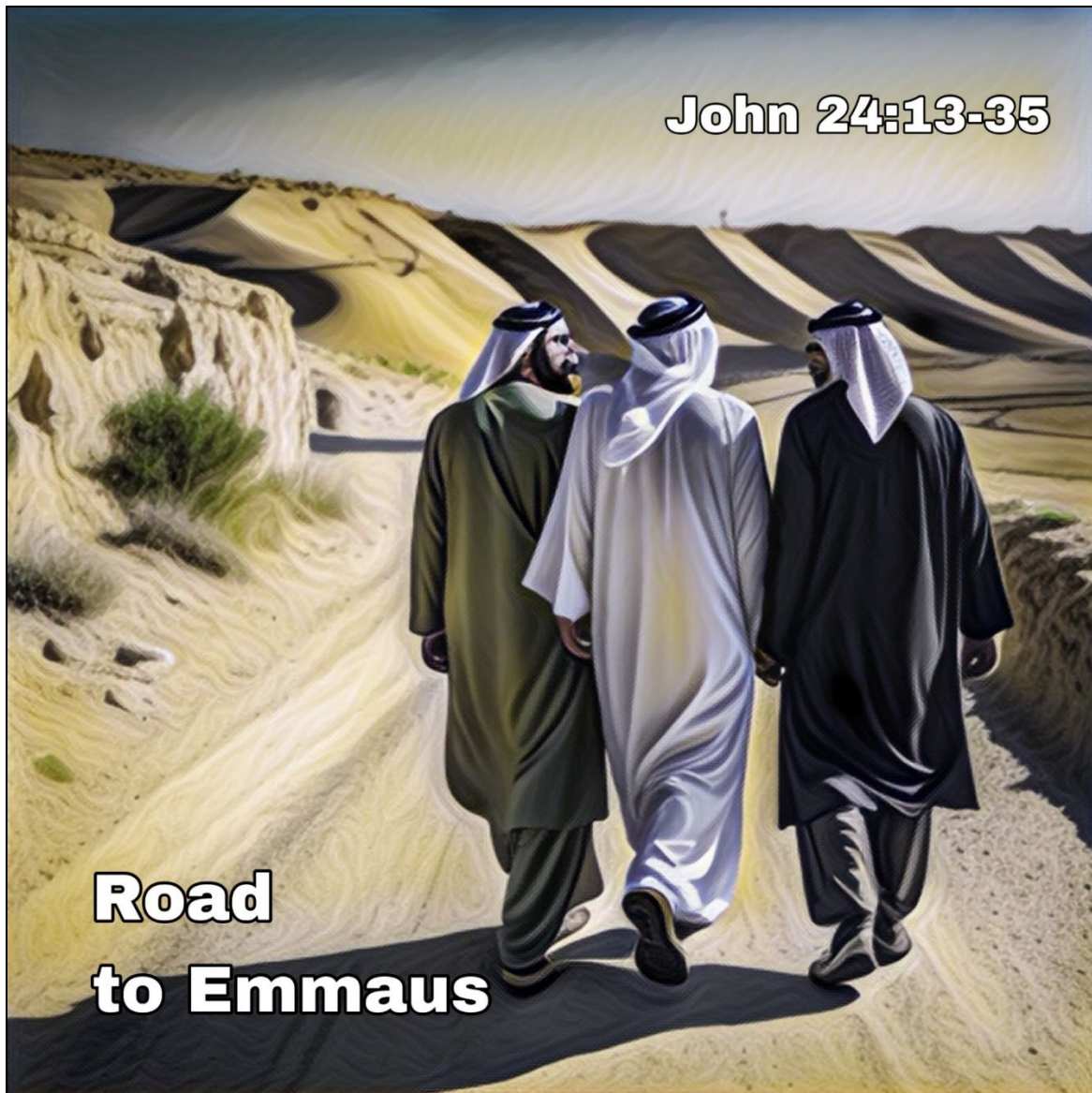


Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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:

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Northlea United Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

We welcome Rev. Ambury Stuart as our guest minister today.

Choral Prelude: Regina Caeli

Gregor Aichinger (1565-1628)

Translation - Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia, for he whom you were deemed worthy to bear, has risen, as he promised; pray for us to God, alleluia.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Gathering Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Voices United 157, see page 7

Sung to the tune of LLANFAIR, VU 875

Lighting the Christ Candle

May the Spirit of Christ be with you all.

~ 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:

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's name. AMEN.

Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises

Voices United 186

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Rev. Ambury Stuart

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

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

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

Reflection:

Rev Ambury Stuart

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Come and Journey with a Saviour

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney, with a Sav - ior who has come.



We are all God's sons and daugh - ters. In the Spir - it we are one.



In the Spir - it we are one. _____

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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: Come, Children, Join to Sing

Voices United 345

Sending Forth

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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Postlude

Our Guest Minister today is Rev. Ambury Stuart

Rev. Ambury Stuart was one of the Presbytery representatives during the amalgamation discussions between Northlea and Bedford Park United, and has remained in touch with the new, combined congregation as an occasional supply worship leader ever since. He was ordained in 2004 after a 30-year career in environmental science and was the worship leader at Glebe Road United in the Yonge-Eglinton area for 10 years before his retirement from active ministry in 2013.

Ambury sees himself as both a scientist and a minister, and his sermons reflect this unusual combination of life-experience. In retirement, he continues to appreciate the opportunity to share his faith and his ideas with congregations such as Northlea. He and his spouse Victoria currently attend Fairlawn Avenue United where he is a Voluntary Associate Minister.

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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

Music List

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Gathering Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Voices United 157

Sung to the tune of LLANFAIR, VU 875

Charles Wesley 1739, alt.

Robert Williams 1817, LLANFAIR



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is___ done,
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King:
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n,

Hal - - le - lu - jah!



1. all cre - a - tion join to___ say;
2. fought the fight, the bat - tle___ won.
3. where, O death, is now your sting?
4. praise to you by both be___ giv'n!

Hal - - le - lu - jah!



1. raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
2. Lo, our sun's e - clipse is___ o'er!
3. Once he died, our souls to___ save:
4. Ev - 'ry knee to you shall bow,

Hal - - le - lu - jah!



1. sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
2. Lo, he dwells in death no___ more!
3. where your vic - to - ry, O___ grave?
4. ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Hal - - le - lu - jah!

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Northlea Events at a Glance...

Today:

- 11:30 am – Lunch & Learn about the Abiona Centre with the UCW in the Community Room
- 5:00 pm – Love Jazz with Paul Callander

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

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

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Sunday, May 5, 2024:

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Ruth Noble

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 6:00 pm – UCWN Pot Luck Dinner with presentation

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Ruth Noble; Anniversary Sunday; Mother's Day

Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship
- Wednesdays:
 - 11:00 am – Chair Exercise continues to May 8
 - 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble youth choir extended to May 8
 - 7:30 pm – For The Love Of Singing Community Choir continues to May 1
- Thursdays – 1:30 pm Art Circle; 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice
- Fridays – 2:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom