



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

Congregational meeting today...

Please join the Search Team in the Community Room after worship today to hear about the new short-term minister who will be coming to Northlea soon.

You will also be asked to vote on the new Northlea United living faith story and a position description for a full-time supply minister for the fall.

Thank you.

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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jackie Morris - Reader

Minister: Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom lee-ann@northleaunited.ca

Music Director: David Jafelice david@northleaunited.ca

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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

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Northlea United Church
Sunday, April 28, 2024

Choral Prelude: Joy Fills the Morning

Antonio Lotti (1667–1740)
Edited by Clarence Dickinson alt.

Welcome

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Call to Worship:

The vine emerges from the earth,
nourished
and nourishing.

**Rises without visible connection;
roots hidden,
promise unknown.**

Strong to withstand storms,
fragile when plucked too soon.

So it is that we grow...

**nourished by invisible connections to the living God,
called to nourish that which is seen and that which is yet buried within.**

Let us be present to the Source that gives and transforms all life.

Gathering Hymn: All Praise to Thee

(updated text from VU 327), (omit vs 4), see page 7

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:

God of love,
plant us in the soil of your grace.
Nurture us with the strength of Christ,
the vine of everlasting life.
Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,
which flows through us today and all days.
Abide in us,

that we may abide in you
and live in your love.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Voices United 291

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jackie Morris

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

Scripture John 15:1-8

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

Reflection: Just Ask?

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: No Greater Love

Michael Joncas

There is no great - er love, says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend;
there is no great - er love, no great - er love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

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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: Abide With Me

Voices United 436

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

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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Music List

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Gathering Hymn: All Praise to Thee

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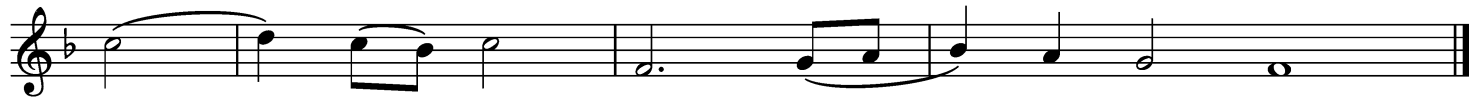
1. All praise be yours, for you, O King di - vine,
2. You came to us in low - li - ness of thought;
♦ 3. O Je - sus, let your mind with - in us be,
4. There - fore you are, by God's e - ter - nal vow,
5. Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



- your right - ful glo - ry free - ly did re - sign
by you the out - cast and the poor were sought,
♦ for you were ser - vant that we might be free
most high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now
in heav'n and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



- that in our dark - ened hearts your grace might shine.
and by your death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
♦ and hum - bly stooped to death on Cal - va - ry.
and giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Ha - - le - lu - jah; hal - - le - lu - jah!

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What's Happening at Northlea...

Sunday, May 5, 2024:

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 6:00 pm – UCW Potluck Dinner and presentation

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 7:30 pm - Taizé

Saturday, May 25, 2024 – 10:00 am - Cook-a-Palooza in the downstairs kitchen for Youth Without Shelter

Sunday, May 26, 2024 – 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom; 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – 12:00 noon – Lunch and Learn with Free Geek – Technical computer information for seniors

Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship – until July 14
- 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 until May 30; returning September 19;
 - 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice final practice May 16; returning September 5
- Fridays – 2:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom until July 5; returning September 6