



Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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**April 7, 2024**

**Second 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](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. Nancy Hardy – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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Joshua Clemenger - Reader

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Northlea United Church  
Sunday, April 7, 2024

We welcome Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy as our guest minister today.

**Choral Prelude:** O Spirit, Send Doubt

Text: David Bjorlin, Music: Sally Ann Morris

**Welcome**

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

**Call to Worship:**

Though darkness seems to envelop us,

**Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.**

Fears are banished!

**Hope is more than restored.**

Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

**We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings.**

**Gathering Hymn: Christ is Alive**

**Voices United 158**

**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:**

**Holy One,**

**We find ourselves in the locked doors of ourselves,  
just as the disciples were behind closed doors.**

**We too are afraid, perhaps for a different reason than theirs.**

**But we too need the breath of the Holy Spirit to take away our fears,  
so that we can come out from behind these locked doors.**

**We are like Thomas with our questions and our doubts.**

**We sometimes need to see in order to believe,  
And we need you in order to have faith.**

**We too need the peace you bring  
because our world is fraught with violence, and unrest.**

**We thank you for the blessing you have given us,  
the love that transcends all our doubts and makes us whole.**

**Holy One, may the doors of our church be open to all,  
as we gather in Jesus' name.**

**Amen**

**Hymn: The Day of Resurrection**

**Voices United 164**

**❖ Listening ❖**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Joshua Clemenger**

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

Amen

**Scripture: John 20:19-31**

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

**Reflection: And Still, We Go On**

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**

**❖ Responding ❖**

**Anthem: I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**Robert G. Farrell**

*Based on Job 19:25; 1 Corinthians 13:12*

**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: You Tell Me that the Lord is Risen**

**Voices United 185**

**Blessing:**

Go forth in peace and joy.  
And the blessing of God who raises the dead,

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**

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of Christ who is known in the breaking of bread,

**Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom**

**And of the Spirit who surrounds us with life and love  
Be with us all. Amen.**

## 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. Dr. Nancy Hardy

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy has had a number of ministry “lifetimes” in The United Church of Canada. She started out as a diaconal minister, director of Christian Education in Fredericton, New Brunswick. From there, she moved to the United Church’s national office in Toronto where she was mission study editor and published books, magazines and educational material about the mission and work of the church.

Nancy was ordained in 1987 and served congregations in St. Catharines, Glencoe and Appin, and London. After she became a United Church pensioner, she moved back to Toronto, a city she loves, and returned to Emmanuel College, earning a Doctor of Theology, focusing on the relationship between the hymns we sing

and the mission of the church. She has published the book *Worship in the City: Prayers and Songs for Urban Dwellers*, and we will be using some of those prayers in our worship this morning.

# What's Happening at Northlea?

## 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

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
- 11:30 am – Annual General Meeting

## Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship
- Wednesdays:
  - 11:00 am – Chair Exercise continues until May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble youth choir has been extended to May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 7:30 pm – For The Love Of Singing Community Choir continues until May 1
- 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 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-48

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