



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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May 26, 2024

Trinity 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:

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Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

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Choral Prelude: Holy, Holy, Holy (*Isaiah 6:3*)

Eleanor Daley

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Do we dare place our trust in God?

God has promised to be with us to guide us.

Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination?

No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.

Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

Let us place our trust in God always.

Gathering Hymn: We Join In Proclaiming

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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:

Blow, wind of God,

Blow away the tight rules that hold us back from trusting, risking, loving

Blow away all that stands in the way of encountering our neighbors

Ready us for birth

Prepare us for risk

Equip us with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner

We cannot choose the stories we have inherited

But we can choose the stories that we become.

Guide us to be creators in your image, not imitators of the status quo.

Amen

Hymn: The Play of the Godhead (*tune BEDFORD PARK*)

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❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Jody Kinsey

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

Reflection: Dance of the Trinity

Anthem: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Psalm 100: Doxology Music: Anonymous 19th
Century American
Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

❖ Responding ❖

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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

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Sending Forth:

Go out into God's world as those born of water and Spirit. Go as those inspired and excited to know that "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world". No, in fact, our God sent Jesus into the world so that the world might be saved through him. Go as those living in the mystery of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Go knowing you are loved and are called to love each other. Amen!

Sung Amen:

Bob Dufford, SJ.

A - - men, hal - le - lu - - jah, for_ ev - er and ev - er, for_ ev - er, hal - le - lu - jah, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men._____

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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

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Music List

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Gathering Hymn: We Join In Proclaiming

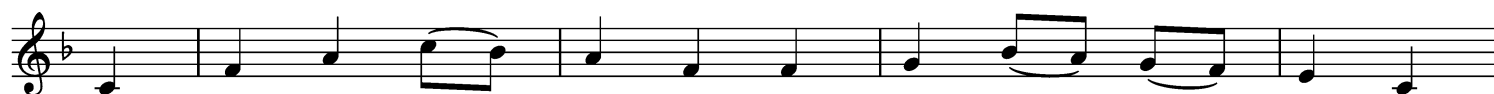
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1. We join in pro - claim - ing the faith we be - lieve in -
2. O God, we have pon - dered through years of our hist' - ry



That God is Cre - a - tor and we are God's own.
How you can be Fa - ther and Spir - it and Son.



We trust in Christ Je - sus and glad - ly re - ceive him,
We've prayed and we've stud - ied and called it a myst' - ry



For we have been blessed by the love he has shown.
That you are three per - sons and yet you are one.



Christ died and is ris - en and, one with the Fa - ther,
Cre - at - ing and sav - ing, your church here re - new - ing,



He reigns now in heav - en, still lov - ing the earth.
You still are one God work - ing man - y good ways.



The Spir - it of God that moved o - ver the wa - ters
May we hum - bly thank you for all you are do - ing!



Now moves here a - - mong us, em - pow'r - ing God's church.
O God in three per - sons, we of - fer you praise.

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Biblical References: Genesis 1-2; Galatians 3:26; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; John 15:13; Matthew 28:6; Acts 1:6-11; Acts 2; John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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Thanks go out to all of those who contributed to and attended the UCW of Northlea Potluck Dinner on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

After a warm welcome, we celebrated Lee-Ann's continuing her journey with us until July. She then led us in grace, and we thoroughly enjoyed our delicious potluck meal and social time. Thank you to all those who contributed to the wonderful meal.

Laura Jarvis then delighted us with lifetime stories and photos of her global and local volunteer service. Jody Kinsey told us about Black Thursday for which some people wear black on Thursdays to remind everyone that violence and rape are unacceptable anywhere. We all received a button to help us to remember to work daily for a world without violence. There are still some buttons on the entrance table in the foyer and you are invited to take one.

Attendees also generously contributed goods to Camp Big Canoe. There were many boxes of supplies and crafts for the camp. People also brought their loonies and toonies to contribute to the Abiona Center (Massey) as one of the main charities supported by the UCWN. Thank you to all who contributed.

June Covers updated us on UCW of Northlea finances followed by a meaningful closing led by Lee-Ann. Part of that closing was the Mizpah Benediction from Genesis 31:49:

***"May the Lord keep watch between thee and me
when we are absent one from the other."***

May it be so with you and yours and the Northlea congregation as we enter summer holiday time. We are grateful for your continued support and for your Thank Offerings.

UCW of Northlea.

What's Happening at Northlea...

Sunday, June 2, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman; 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner delivery

NEW DATE - Friday, June 7, 2024 – 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Campfire Sing-A-Long with Josh Clemenger

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 7:30 pm – Taizé in the Pines (weather permitting)

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Sunday, June 23, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Sunday, June 30, 2024 – 10:30 am – Pride Sunday Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Ongoing Events:

Thursdays:

- Art Circle - 1:30 pm - continues until May 30th; resumes September 19th
- Northlea Chancel Choir practice - 7:30 pm; resumes September 5th

Fridays: Bible Study is on [Zoom](#) at 2:30 pm - until July 5, resumes September 6th

Sundays: Worship service at 10:30 am

HYMN STORY FOR: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy - Voices United #315

Author: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Composer: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Tune Name: "Nicaea"

Meter: 11 12 12 10

Scripture Reference-Revelation 4:8-11

Reginald Heber was born in Cheshire, England, on April 21, 1783, of scholarly and well-to-do parents. At the age of seventeen he entered Oxford University, where his scholarship and literary abilities received much attention. Following his ordination to the ministry of the Anglican Church, he served for the next sixteen years at a church in the little village of Hodnet in western England. Throughout his ministry he was known and respected as a man of rare refinement and noble Christian character. Heber was also noted as a prolific literary writer, making frequent contributions to magazines with his poetry, essays and hymns.

In 1823, just three years before his early death at the age of forty-three, Heber was sent to India to serve as the Bishop of Calcutta. This responsibility included not only India but the Island of Ceylon and all of Australia as well. The pressures of this work along with the humid climate of that area wore heavily upon his health. One Sunday morning, after preaching to a large outdoor crowd of Indians about the evils of their caste system, he suffered a sunstroke and died very suddenly.

One year after his untimely death, a collection of his fifty-seven choice hymns was published by his widow and many friends. Most of these hymns are still in use today. *There are two more of Heber's hymn texts in Voices United: "Lovely Star in the Sky" (#94), and "Bread of the World" (#461).*

Holy, Holy, Holy was written by Reginald Heber specifically for its liturgical use on Trinity Sunday, which occurs eight weeks after Easter Sunday. The emphasis of this Sunday's service is to reaffirm the doctrine of the triune Godhead. Though the word "trinity" is not found in the Scriptures, yet the truth of three Persons, equal and eternal with each other, is clearly taught throughout God's Word.

The tune for this text has been named "Nicaea." It was named after the Council of Nicaea held in Asia Minor in 325 A.D., when the doctrine of the Trinity was examined and held to be a true and essential doctrine of the Christian faith. In 1861 this tune was composed specifically for these words by one of England's leading church musicians of the nineteenth century, Dr. John Bacchus Dykes. This popular composer has contributed more than 300 hymn tunes; most of them are still in use today.

Other hymns by John B. Dykes in Voices United include: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (music MELITA #659), "Come and Mourn with Me Awhile" (text #136), "God of the Farmlands" (music BEATITUDO #306), "O God, Whose First Creative Word" (music MELITA #322), "Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart" (music RIVAULX #629), "Lead, Kindly Light" (music LUXBENIGNA #640).

