



Northlea United Church

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

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**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth 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:

**Facebook:**

Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

Visit our website: [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca). Links will be posted to our homepage for easy access.

**Thank you for helping with today's service:**

Rev. Ruth Noble – 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

David Jafelice - Reader

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Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

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**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**We welcome Rev. Ruth Noble as our guest minister today.**

**Choral Prelude:** The Love of God Comes Close

John L. Bell

**Welcome**

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

**Call to Worship:**

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

**Let our joy be complete!**

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

**Love one another!**

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

**No longer servants but friends!**

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

**Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Voices United 217 vs. 1, 4, 5**

**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 are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come as we are. We have had our share of good days and bad days. We may be tired and less able, or preoccupied with life's demands; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all our distractions, we made it here to worship. May the love we experience today restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our questions and laments as tools of hope and love on this day. We love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. Amen.**

❖ Listening ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

David Jafelice

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

**Psalm 98: Shout for Joy to the Lord**

Words and music by Douglas Nolan (BMI)

**Scripture** John 15:9-17

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

**Reflection:** The Colour of Love is Red

Rev. Ruth Noble

❖ Responding ❖

**Anthem: Love One Another** *(based on 1 John 4)*

**James Chepponis**

Love one another, for love is of God.

Love one another, for God is love.

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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: Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

**Voices United 333**

**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



### Rev. Ruth Noble – Biography

Ruth has been part of the United Church of Canada her entire life. She is a preacher's kid as her Father Ken Noble was a minister in the west end of Toronto as well as in Timmins area and Brampton. Ruth is passionate about justice for all. She is a lifelong learner who is constantly honing her skills in marketing and diversity and inclusion. Ruth volunteers her time with Five Oaks Education Centre in Paris Ontario as a co-chair on the Board of Directors as well as volunteering with Pride Toronto and the Inside Out LGBTQ+ Film Festival. Ruth is blessed to

have a network of people who have become her chosen family.

## What's Happening at Northlea...

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024** – 6:30 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

**Sunday, May 19, 2024** – 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom; Anniversary celebration after service; Victoria Day Weekend – Office closed on Monday, May 20, 2024

**Sunday, May 26, 2024** - – 10:30 am - Worship & Communion with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

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

**Friday, May 31, 2024** – 7:00 – 8:00 pm - Campfire Sing-A-Long with Josh Clemenger

**Saturday, June 1, 2024** – 10:00 am - Cook-a-Palooza in the downstairs kitchen for Youth Without Shelter – New Date!

**Sunday, June 2, 2024** – 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman; 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner - New Date!

### Ongoing:

- Sundays – 10:30 am Worship – until July 14
- Wednesdays:
  - 11:00 am – Chair Exercise continues to May 8 L
  - 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble youth choir extended to May 8
- 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

## **Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

**Ascension Day:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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

# Taizé



an evening of reflection & meditation.

**With Andrew & Wendy Donaldson**

**Tuesday, May 14, 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 Pines  
(weather permitting)

You are welcome to bring a chair. Seating is available.

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