



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Pride 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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Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

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Visit our website. Links will be posted to our homepage for easy access.

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev Kerri Hagerman – Presiding
David Jafelice – Music Director

Olivia Zhang– Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto
Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Tristan Zaba – Bass

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support
Diana Bennett – Reader

**Thank you to members of the Affirming Circle who are participating in the service today:
Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom, Diana Bennett, Jessie Bigelow, David Jafelice, Ray Murrill & Donna Rutz**

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Sharing what we have:

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done and is doing in and through us.



Ways to give financially:

1. Cash or cheque made payable to Northlea United Church – this can be mailed in or put into an envelope available in the foyer and dropped in the collection plate (*be sure to include your contact information in order to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year*);
2. Online via Canada Helps (just scan this QR code to be brought to the secure online donation form);
3. Through automatic monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance – Forms are available from the church office: office@northleaunited.ca

We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this church.

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

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What does it mean to be an “ally” to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Plus (LGBTQ+) community?

Quite simply put, an LGBTQ+ ally is someone who supports and educates themselves about and speaks out and advocates for LGBTQ+ people and/or community.

Here are some examples of how YOU can be an LGBTQ+ ally:

Listen: Be attentive and supportive as your friend navigates their sexuality. Their journey is complex and may involve changes. Avoid judgment and be there for them during challenges. This journey is tough, and they will need a supporter there for them. Be mindful of awkward situations and don’t assume that they’re comfortable expressing their LGBTQ+ identity to everyone.

Respect Pronouns: Always use your transgender or queer friend's preferred pronouns and respect their chosen name. Understand that gender identity may differ from birth sex and can include non-binary identities. Ask about preferred pronouns and remember to practice expressing your own pronouns.

Stand Up: You should always stand up for your friend even when they are not around. The only way change can happen is if you speak up. Your friend should be treated with the same respect as you. Moreover, if a business doesn’t support your views, you should make a choice with your money on which businesses you support. Engage in respectful conversations when others say hurtful things.

Respect Their Community: Encourage your friend to have LGBTQ+ friends and safe spaces for support and growth. Attend events when invited but respect their need for independent spaces.

Confront Bias: Address your own biases and privileges regarding sexuality. Seek feedback from LGBTQ+ folks on how to be a better ally. Educate yourself through resources and open discussions.

Love them! Embrace and appreciate your friend for who they are. Love and treat them equally among your friends, recognizing the courage it takes to be open about their identity.

By following these examples, you can provide meaningful support and understanding to your LGBTQ+ friends and family.

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Choral Prelude: Sing A New World Into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

Welcome

Acknowledging the Land

Response:

We believe that our relationship with the Creator, the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.

Call to Worship:

Love invites us to share our gifts in allyship with those who need them most.

Love challenges us to persist in the face of difficulty and danger.

Love restores us when we have been tested and afraid.

Love calls us to speak out when we know or experience injustice.

Love will carry us through life's toughest times.

Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

We come to worship God.

2023, *Called to Act*, David Sparks

Gathering Hymn: Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

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Lighting the Candles

~ Light candles ~

Response: Open Our Hearts

O - pen our hearts, _____ o - pen our minds. _____ O - pen our
lives to you O lov - ing God. _____ O - pen our hearts. _____

Last time

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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:

Creating God—God beyond Gender, who makes no mistakes,
who surprises us always,
who molded the first person both male and female,
who molded the first non-gendered human
who loves all creation.

Help us love the diversity of your creation.

Help us accept all varieties of gender in ourselves and in others.

Help us celebrate those who are different from us

that we may learn to love each other as you love us,

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, both human and divine. Amen.

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Hymn: The Heart Will Choose the One It Loves

Barbara Hamm



1. The heart will choose the one it loves with - out re - gard to__ hu - man laws
2. Such love, once found, can - not be forced in - to a false or__ for - eign mold,
3. Praise God when walls are bro - ken down that would con - fine love's pow'r of choice,
4. Loud cries for jus - tice call for change in laws and cus - toms far and wide



which would de - ny the heart its choice, held hos - tage by__ some les - ser cause.
re - sist - ing all that would op - press love's strong de - sire_ "to__ have and hold."
as peo - ple strug - gle to dis - cern a - mong con - flict - ing__ views, God's voice.
un - til God's child - ren ev - 'ry - where no__ long - er need to__ run or hide.



God hon - ors faith - ful love de - clared be - yond the bounds of__ gen - dered roles,
Love's pur - pose is to find its__ own, its part - ner with a__ hu - man face;
Give thanks that laws are be - ing changed as peo - ple see__ with wi - der view
God, help us now to gain the__ right of ev - 'ry one__ up - on the earth



which serve to lim - it and con - strain how love may seek and_ find its goals.
love seeks to serve and builds a__ bridge that spans di - vi - sions by God's grace.
the ways that love can be ex - pressed and claim its just_ and_ right - ful due.
to choose in mat - ters of the_ heart, not bound by gen - der_ or by birth.

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❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Diana Bennett

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

Scripture

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Kerri Hagerman

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

Reflection and Readings: Rainbow Witness

❖ Responding ❖

Music for Reflection

You are invited to write and offer your intention for allyship by completing the prompt "I will walk in allyship by . . . "

Anthem: We Are a Rainbow

David Kai

Words of Thanks and Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

**Holy One, we offer you the blessings you have already given us—
our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes—
Use them and transform them for the good of your church and your world.
May these gifts be a blessing to the people of this community and beyond. Amen.**

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.**

♩ Refrain

Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence. Go make a dif -
 -f'rence in the world._____ Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
 last time to Coda ⊕
 - f'rence._____ Go make a dif - f'rence in the world._____ (to Verses)

Verses 1 & 2

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple see_ the love of God
 2. We are the hands of_ Christ reach - ing out to those in need, the face of God
 _____ for you and me._____ We are the light of the world, not to be
 _____ for all to see._____ We are the spir - it of hope;_ we
 D.C.
 hid - den but be seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
 are the voice of peace.

Verse 3

3. So let your love shine on,_____ let it shine for all_ to see._____ Go make a dif -
 -f'rence in the world._____ And the spir - it of Christ will be with us as_ we go._____
 D.C. al Coda ⊕ Coda
 Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. Go make a dif -
 Fine
 - f'rence in the world. Go make a dif - f'rence_____ in the world.

Sending Forth:

Called to be our authentic selves, wonderfully made,
know that you are loved extravagantly by God.

So, go bravely into this week

for the love of God is yours to share,

the peace of Christ is yours to extend;

And the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer.

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

The Affirming Journey at Northlea United

Northlea United's affirming journey began informally more than 8 years ago with a congregational vote to implement an inclusive marriage policy. The formal process of becoming an Affirming faith community began with approval from Council in late 2021. Soon after in December 2021, the Northlea United Affirming Circle gathered for the first time with Stephen Popiel as chair. Donna Rutz, who is the current chair, took on the role in September 2022. To live into the call of being community together that welcomes people of all identities and orientations, Northlea United introduced Pride Sunday several years ago, marked P.I.E. Day in March and held a service in November in honour of Transgendered Day of Remembrance. Northlea continues along the Affirming journey.

Music List

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Gathering Hymn: Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

More Voices 1



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe - ly___ live,
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, And words are strong and___ true,
3. Let us build a house where love is found In wa - ter, wine and___ wheat:
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be - yond the wood and___ stone
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and vi - sions heard



1. A___ place where saints and chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give.
2. Where all God's chil - dren dare___ to___ seek To___ dream God's reign a - new.
3. A___ ban - quet hall on ho - ly___ground, Where peace and___ jus - tice meet.
4. To___ heal and streng - then, serve and___ teach, And___ live the___ Word they've known.
5. And___ loved and trea - sured, taught and___ claimed As___ words with - in the Word.



1. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
2. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's grace;
3. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and space;
4. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bears the i - mage of God's face;
5. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace,



1. Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - - sions:
2. Here as one we claim the faith of Je - - sus:
3. As we share in Christ the feast that frees___ us:
4. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - - ger:
5. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place._____

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Next Week's Readings

From the *Revised Common Lectionary*

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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

What's Happening at Northlea...

- **Sunday, July 7, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship and Communion with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom - Lee-Ann's last day in the pulpit. The service will be followed by a lunch with sandwiches and strawberry cake.
- **Sunday, July 14, 2024** – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman - Last in-person worship service at Northlea United until September 1, 2024.
- **July 19 - August 19, 2024** - the office will be closed for vacation and will reopen on August 20. Emails and voicemail will be periodically reviewed and forwarded as needed.

Things to look forward to in September

Be sure to save the dates!

- **Sunday, September 1, 2024** - 10:30 am - Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman - we are back at Northlea for the start of the season!
- **Friday, September 6, 2024** - 2:30 pm - Bible Study resumes weekly on Zoom.
- **Thursday, September 12, 2024** - 7:30 pm - Northlea choir rehearsal resumes weekly.
- **Saturday, September 14, 2024** - 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Harvest Festival
- **Sunday, September 15, 2024** - 5:00 pm - Love Jazz with Faith Amour
- **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** - 7:30 pm - Taizé
- **Thursday, September 19, 2024** - 1:30 pm - Art Circle resumes weekly
- **Wednesday, September 25, 2024** – 4:00 pm – Nothing But Treble youth choir begins weekly; 7:30 pm – For the Love of Singing community choir begins weekly!
- **Sunday, September 29, 2024** – 5:00 pm – Dinner delivery to Youth Without Shelter

SUMMER SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Northlea United will offer pre-recorded online services on our website at northleaunited.ca for the Sundays that Northlea is closed: July 21 & 28; August 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Northlea United is invited to attend in-person worship with Leaside United at 822 Millwood Rd. at 10:30 am for July 21, 28 and August 4. Rev. Kerri Hagerman will preach at Leaside United in-person on July 28th.

Northlea United is invited to attend in-person worship with Leaside Presbyterian at 670 Eglinton Ave E at 10:30 am for August 11, 18 and 25. Rev. Kerri Hagerman will be preaching for each of those services. For those who would like to attend Leaside Presbyterian on Zoom, please contact the LPC office.

Rev. Kerri Hagerman will be available for pastoral care all summer by email at kerri@northleaunited.ca or by phone at 416 425 5252, ext 2.