



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

125 Brentcliffe Road, Toronto, ON, M4G 3Y7

www.northleaunited.ca ✧ 416-425-5252



ANNIVERSARY
Deep • Bold • Daring

Let the Celebrations begin

June 9, 2024
Union 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:

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 Kerri Hagerman – 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

June Cavers - Reader

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

Minister: Rev. Kerri Hagerman kerri@northleaunited.ca

Music Director: David Jafelice david@northleaunited.ca

Office Administrator: Tricia Reid office@northleaunited.ca

Facility Manager: Robert Pringle building@northleaunited.ca

Congregational & Community Outreach Coordinator: Jo Dullard jo@northleaunited.ca

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

© 2024 The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada. Licensed under Creative Commons Attribution Non-commercial Share Alike Licence. To view a copy of this licence, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.5/ca>.

Northlea United Church

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Choral Prelude: Jubilate Deo

Taizé

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra. Servite domino in laetitia. Alleluia
Rejoice in God, all the earth. Serve the Lord in joy. Alleluia.

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

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

Call to Worship:

From deep soil comes bold and daring growth.
From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.
We come today to marvel at what has been harvested
and prepare for what will come.

We come to celebrate where we are and where we have been.

We come rejoicing with our ancestors in faith across generations

The Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians,
the Evangelical United Brethren, and Local Union Churches,
and our full communion partners across this world:

The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea,
The United Church of Christ,
The United Church of Christ in the Philippines,
and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**We give thanks to God for the blessings of past, present, and future,
and dare to plant these seeds of faith anew!**



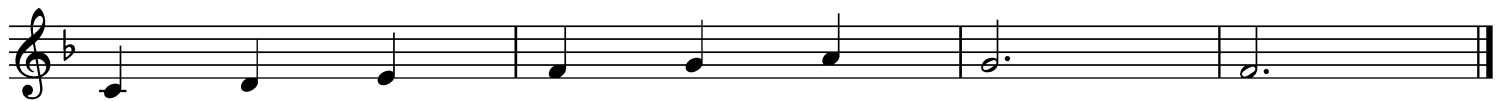
1. Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre - a - tion!
2. Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor - rec - tion,
3. Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc - cess - es.
4. Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com - mend - ing.



Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com - plete ad - o - ra - tion!
 who, as on Ea - gles wings, saves us from sin - ful de - jec - tion.
 Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en - cour - age and bless us.
 All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweet - ly blend - ing.



Glad - some re - joice - or - gan and trum - pet and voice -
 Have you ob - served, how we are al - ways pre - served
 On - ly con - ceive what god - ly strength can a - chieve:
 God is your light! Soul, ev - er keep this in sight:



join - ing God's great con - gre ga - - tion.
 by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - - tion?
 strength that would touch and ca - ress us.
 a - men, a - men nev - er end - - ing.

Words by Joachim Neander 1680. Translation copyright © 1993 Madeleine Forell Marshall. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-724837
 In this version from Voices United 221, the text is wedded to the music.

Candle lighting

~ Light candles ~

Response: Open Our Hearts

More Voices 21



O - pen our hearts, _____ o - pen our minds. _____ O - pen our



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

Words and music copyright © Jim and Jean Strathdee (Desert Flower Music). All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-724837

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:

Again and again, God, we come to this time and place with a song! Each day you give us a chance to begin anew: to drink deeply of your Spirit, to boldly follow in the Way of Jesus, and to dare to seek justice as we seek relationship with our neighbours and you. Again and again, God, you call us out of our old lives and into your new day.

And so, as we celebrate the 99th anniversary of this United Church of yours, help us to reflect back with clarity upon all that deserves to be celebrated, all that deserves to be lamented, and all that deserves to be let go. We are not perfect, God, but we are yours, and we trust that you are with us every day. This day, and always, help us to be good grain that is planted and tended by your love, so that in the year to come we may flourish in this time and place. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: We Have This Ministry

Voices United 510

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

June Cavers

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33

Give thanks to the Holy One, you who love God,
for this is what you were created to do!

**Praise the Holy One with voice and song,
with stringed instruments, let our songs ring out loud and clear!**

For God's words are trustworthy and true,
the Holy One is always faithful.
She loves justice and righteousness!

**All Creation sings of his unfailing love.
Creator spoke and the heavens were made,
galaxies and nebulae were the breath of their mouth.
They gathered the seas as into a jar,
and the depths were gathered as grain in a storehouse.**

May all Creation revere God through our living,
and all people honour her with their hearts, minds, and deeds.
For Creator spoke, and the world came to be!
You called forth, and Creation blossomed.
The nations may plan, but you laugh—

**your plans are what last forever,
the purposes of your heart are planted within each generation.**

Blessed are those who follow the ways of God,
the children who share life as your chosen family.

For you, O God, are our hope, help, and home!

**In your love, our hearts rejoice,
and in your future, we place our trust.
May your blessing rest upon us, O God,
even as we hope in you.**

Scripture: John 12:20–28

This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ,
Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Engaging Faith and Community

❖ **Responding** ❖

Anthem: Day by Day music: Martin How, MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire), (1931-2022);
words: Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

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: Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet

Voices United 245

Sending Forth:

Beloved, as you go into the world this day and this year,
may you receive this blessing as both gift and call:

Blessed are you who give your life to living deeply within the Spirit's call,
who long to be planted fully within the heart of Christ
and to love God's world with all your heart.

Blessed are you who give your life to bold discipleship:
who plant the Saviour's seeds of love, faith, hope, and joy,
and trust that God will nurture these seeds
with a future good beyond your imagining.

Blessed are you who give your life to daring justly for all Creation.
you, whose heart breaks open like a seed in the earth
as you give your life for the flourishing of all places and people.

Blessed are *we* who live this life and *give* this life,
for we are not alone in this living and dying and rising again.

God is with us!

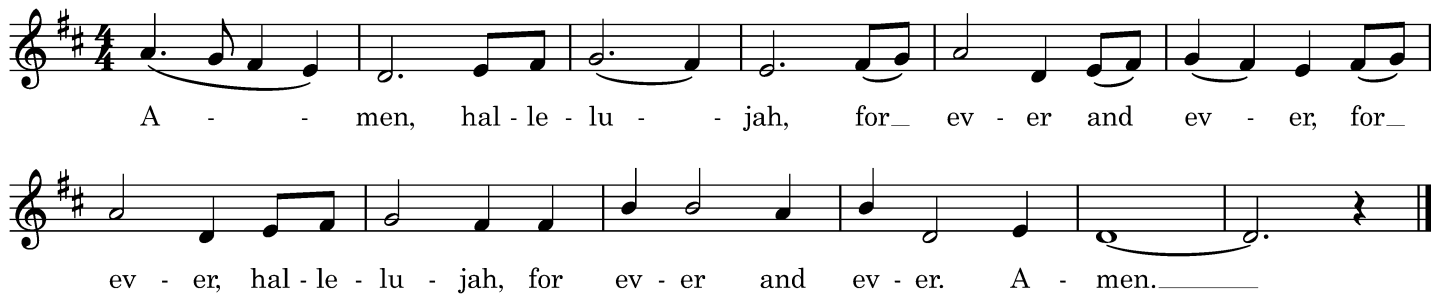
We are blessed to be a blessing, now and always.

Thanks be to God!

Let the people say, 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._____

Music by Bob Dufford, SJ. Copyright © 1973, 1979, Robert J. Dufford, SJ. Published by OCP. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-724837

Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 11-13, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

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

What's Happening at Northlea...

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 – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman – Pride Sunday

Sunday, July 7, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Ongoing Events:

Thursdays:


Art Circle - 1:30 pm - resumes September 19th

Northlea Choir practice - resumes September 12th

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

Sundays: Worship service at 10:30 am


T a i z é



an evening of reflection & meditation.

With Andrew & Wendy Donaldson
Tuesday, June 11, 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

Northlea United Church  125 Brentcliffe Road
office@northleaunited.ca 416 425 5252