



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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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.

416 425 5252 or office@northleaunited.ca

Northlea United Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

God's Spirit calls to our spirit, inviting us to worship,
calling us by name.

God's Spirit calls to our spirit, inviting us to love,
calling us to grow in faith.

God's Spirit calls to our spirit, inviting us to follow,
calling us to be doers of God's Word.

Let us persevere in faith as we seek to be followers of Jesus. Together, let us pray.

Opening Unison Prayer:

God of Life, we praise you.

You are the heartbeat of our deepest longings for connection, community, love, and peace.

Gather us in for worship today and prepare us to meet you once again that we may know your peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and in our world.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: Gather Your People

Bob Hurd, see page 7

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Diana Bennett

Great Gardener, you plant seeds of understanding, so that we might discern your wisdom. You plant seeds of interpretation so that we might receive your ancient stories and recognize your vision of new possibilities. Help us to be the water bearers, so that the soil of truth and wisdom is not scorched. We offer this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Scripture:

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Diana Bennett

Anthem: Teach Me, O Lord. (Ps. 119:33)

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Reflection: *Made for Blessing*

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

Voices United 226

1. For the__ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the__ beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the__ joy of hu - man love, bro - ther sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For each__ per - fect gift sub - lime to our race so free - ly giv'n,
for the__ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and__ vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light,
friends on__ earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
gra - ces__ hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words of Thanks and Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

There is a time for planting...

and, Loving God, you have planted with us the seeds of compassion, the seeds of faith formation, the seeds of justice, the seeds of hope.

There is a time for harvest...

and, Loving God, you have harvested with us new friends, a renewal of faith, courage to confront the powerful, and strength for the journey.

Accept our offerings as symbols of our thanks.

Amen.

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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.



1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the peo - ple of

2. With praise and thanks-giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the tasks of our



God from this dwell - ing take leave. Our wor - ship has end - ed, O now be ex -

ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er



- tend - ed the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - live. The seed of Christ's

car - ing, em - brac - ing God's child - ren of each tribe and race. With your feast you



teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for

feed us, with your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this



God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, God's love shall u -

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with priase and thanks -



- nite us to work for the king - dom and an - swer it's call.

- giv - ing give hon - our to Christ and the name that we bear.

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Commissioning & Blessing:

Go into the world:

Dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world:

Risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world:

Believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Sung Blessing

May the Blessing of God Be upon You

Voices United 429



May the bless - ing of God be up - on you. May God's love light all your way.



May the grace of Christ en - fold you and peace a - round you stay.



May the Spir - it of God dwell with - in you. May you live in joy each day.

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Postlude

Everyone is invited to enjoy cake and lemonade in the Narthex as we say thank you and good by to Kerri!

From the Gatherings for next week:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Music List

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Opening Hymn: Gather Your People

Bob Hurd

With a gospel swing ♩ = c. 112

Refrain



Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord, _____ Gath - er your



peo - ple O Lord. One__ bread, one__ bod - y, one__ spir - it of



love._____ Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord._____ Lord._____

Verses



1. Draw us forth to the ta - ble of life: broth - ers and sis - ters,
2. We are parts of the bod - y of Christ, need - ing each oth - er,
3. No more harm on the moun - tain of God: swords in - to plow - shares.

D.S. al Fine



1. each of us called to walk in your light._____
2. each of the gifts the Spir - it pro - vides._____
3. Free us, O Lord, from hard - ness of heart._____

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What's Happening at Northlea...

- **Friday, September 6, 2024** – 2:30 pm – Bible Study begins weekly online
- **Sunday, September 8, 2024** – 10:30 am – Sunday Worship - we welcome Rev. Liz Mackenzie to the pulpit at Northlea!
- **Thursday, September 12, 2024** – 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice begins weekly
- **Saturday, September 14, 2024** – 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm – Harvest Festival at Northlea
- **Sunday, September 15, 2024:**
 - 10:30 am – Sunday Worship
 - 5:00 pm – Love Jazz with Faith Amour
- **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** – 7:30 pm – A Festival of Prayer 2024 Taizé service
- **Thursday, September 19, 2024** – 1:30 pm – Art Circle begins weekly
- **Clothing Drive for Flemingdon Park:**
 - 7:00 – 8:00 pm - Tuesday & Thursday, September 17 & 19, 2024
 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm - Saturday, September 21, 2024
- **Sunday, September 22, 2024** – 10:30 am – Sunday Worship
- **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 – Orange Shirt Sunday:**
 - 10:30 am – Worship
 - 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner delivery
- **Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 2024** – 1:00 pm – Lecture series:
 - October 1: Downsizing To Uplift Your Life
 - October 8: The How To's To Move Forward
 - October 15: Coach Houses of Toronto
- **Sunday, October 6, 2024** – 5:00 pm – Bach to Broadway musical afternoon with Marc McNamara