



Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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September 15, 2024

Seventeenth 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. Liz Mackenzie – 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

Jesse Bigelow - Reader

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

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

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Northlea United Church
Sunday, September 15, 2024

Choral Prelude: Jesus Calls Us

Austin C. Lovelace

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

It is Christ's Spirit that joins us together as the body of Christ.

Christ's light is present with us and in us as we worship. *(Candle is lit.)*

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:

(based on Isaiah 43:19)

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now.

In the midst of daily life.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth
forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: God of the Bible (Fresh As the Morning)

More Voices 28, see page 6

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 God, Source of all love, you call us to be a force of your love in the world.

Forgive us when we fail to love each other and your world as Jesus taught us we should do.

Loving as Jesus loved isn't always easy for us.

Strengthen us to be people of compassion, forgiveness, healing, and right relationship.

Help us to be united as Christ's people, loving as Christ loved

(a time of silent prayer...)

People of God, hear the Good News:

Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love.

We are not alone. We are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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

Scripture: Psalm 19 (VU 740) with sung First Refrain

Jesse Bigelow

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!
Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Jesus Asked One Day

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, see page 7

Reflection: Building Beloved Community – Beyond “Just Words”

❖ Responding ❖

Anthem: Jesus Saw Them Fishing (Fish With Me)

More Voices 113

REFRAIN:



“Oh, ___ come and fol - low me. ___ Oh, ___ leave be - hind your nets. I call you.
Oh, ___ come and fish with me, ___ and your life will nev - er be the same a - gain.”

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

Voices United 567

Sending Forth:

Let us go forth from this place of worship:

For the love of God is ours to share.

The peace of Christ is ours to extend.

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

Sung Blessing: May the Blessing of God Be upon You

Voices United 429

Postlude

Music List

From page 3:

God of the Bible (Fresh As the Morning)

More Voices 28

Verses



1. God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,
 2. God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,
 3. Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,
 4. Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der
 5. Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,

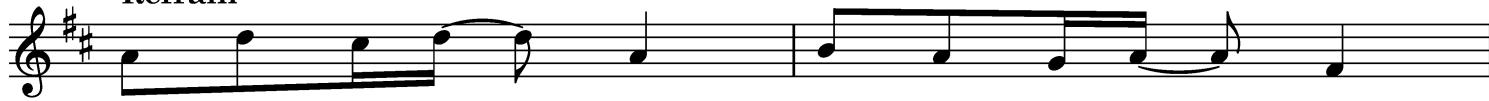


1. hope yet to come, you are our cen - tre, day - light or dark - ness,
 2. tak - ing our part, still you em - pow'r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,
 3. gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,
 4. change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,
 5. ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,



1. free - dom or pris - on you are our home.
 2. feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
 3. birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.
 4. small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.
 5. till our world chang - es fac - ing the Cross.

Refrain



Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,



God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing,

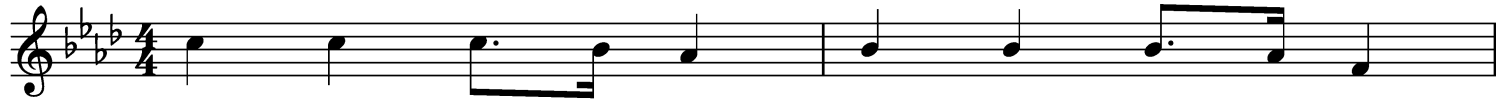


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From page 4:

Jesus Asked One Day

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



1. Je - sus asked one day, "What do oth - ers say?
2. He said, "Tell me, then, who you say I am."
3. Je - sus told his friends, "See how love ex - tends:
4. Je - sus said to him, "Get be - hind me, then.



Who do peo - ple tell you that I am?" His dis - ci - ples said,
Pe - ter an - swered, "You are God's own Son." Je - sus said, "You Rock!
I must suf - fer, die and then be raised." Pe - ter dis - a - greed:
Those who cling to life will sure - ly die. Come and fol - low me!



"John back from the dead, Or a proph - et sent by God's own hand."
You're the build - ing block That my church will be es - tab - lished on."
"That can nev - er be. God's Mes - si - ah will know glo - rious days!"
I will make you free. Seek God's king - dom and you'll find new life."

Refrain



Lord and Sav - iour, you are the One who bore the cross;



May we fol - low, serv - ing you no mat - ter what the cost.

Tune: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887 ("Leaning on the Everlasting Arms").
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Rev. Liz Mackenzie Biography



Over the course of my life, I have lived in four different countries, four different provinces, and one territory. I was a high school French and English teacher in the Northwest Territories, northern Alberta, and Oakville, ON. Then I decided to go back to school, receiving a Masters of Business Administration, and was a human resources management consultant working for many years in the fields of pay and employment equity and human rights in employment. Because of my MBA, I'm a minister who understands how to read financial statements.

In 1997, I finally decided to do what I had always felt called to do from the age of 13 – become an ordained minister. I started at Emmanuel College the day my youngest daughter started Junior Kindergarten and in 2003, I graduated with a Masters of Divinity (as that year's gold medalist). I was ordained by Toronto Conference of the UCC. Since then, I have completed the requirements and have been designated for Ministry of Supervision and Intentional Interim Minister. I also have a Certificate in Conflict Management and Congregational Leadership from Conrad Grebel University College (University of Waterloo).

I have had calls, appointments, and Intentional Interim Ministry appointments with communities of faith in rural Peterborough, Mississauga, Toronto, Hamilton, Scarborough, and Brampton. I have also ministered with two ethnic-cultural communities of faith – one Welsh and the other Chinese (Cantonese-speaking). In 2015, I was called as the Saskatchewan Conference Personnel Minister, returning to Toronto after the change to the United Church of Canada's structure came into effect on January 1, 2019.

I am a passable curler and member of the Greater Toronto Interfaith Curling Club. I am also a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol, certified in Advanced First Aid, and I patrol at the Caledon Ski Club. I am a mother to two daughters and an Amma (Icelandic for grandmother) to five grandchildren. On August 14th, I adopted Willie, a six-year old toy poodle who was taken to the Toronto Animal Services shelter through no fault of his own.

I am looking forward to ministering with Northlea United Church until June 2025. In our time together I will endeavour to speak and show the hope that is in me and listen and watch as you speak and show the hope that is in you as together, we follow God's call to us as the body of Christ that is Northlea.

This Fall at Northlea...

- **TODAY - 5:00 pm – Love Jazz with Faith Amour – free will offering**
- **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 - Thursday, September 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 - be sure to wear your orange shirt to church!**
 - 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner delivery
- **Sunday, October 6, 2024 – World Communion Sunday:**
 - 10:30 am – Worship & Communion
 - 5:00 pm – Bach to Broadway an evening of music and song with baritone, Marc McNamara, and pianist, Brahm Goldhamer – free will offering
- **Savvy Seniors Lecture Series – Tuesdays in October at 1:00 pm:**
 - October 1 – Downsizing To Uplift Your Life
 - October 8 – The How To's To Move Forward
 - October 15 – Coach Houses of Toronto
 - Register with the office. \$10/person/lecture or \$25 for the series
- **Sunday, October 13, 2024 – Thanksgiving – 10:30 am – Worship**
- **Sunday, October 20, 2024 – World Food Sunday:**
 - 10:30 am – Worship
 - 11:30 am – UCW Lunch & Learn with Fred Victor
- **Food Drive Drop Off to support the TNO Food Collaborative – bring your donations of current dated canned and dry goods to one of two locations:**
 - Northlea United, 125 Brentcliffe Road
 - St Augustine of Canterbury Anglican, 1847 Bayview Ave

Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- **Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – 6:00 pm – Congregational Pot Luck**



Love Jazz

With Faith Amour
Sunday, September 15, 2024
5:00 pm

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Northlea United Church's



**FALL
 CLOTHING
 DRIVE**

For Flemingdon Park Clothing Bank
Drop Off Gently Used Clothes

Thursday, Sept. 19
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Northlea United Presents

The Savvy Seniors

Lecture Series

With guest speaker Margo Salnek
 of Move Seniors Lovingly

Tues., Oct 1 - 1 p.m. - Downsizing To Uplift Your Life

- Downsize to be safe and functional for the future
- Downsize for moving to a smaller residence or senior home

Tues., Oct 8 - 1 p.m. - The How To's To Move Forward


Everything you need to know to keep moving forward including:

- Prepping your home for sale
- Choosing the right real estate agent
- Design and set up of your new residence

Tues., Oct 15 - 1 p.m. - Coach Houses of Toronto

This lighthearted presentation explores a blend of:

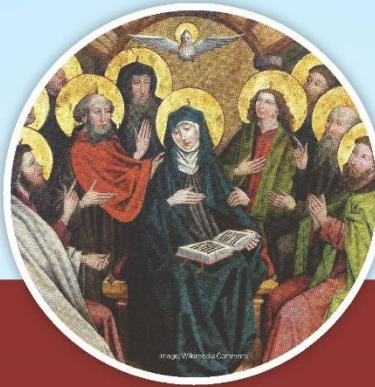
- Coach house history
- Beautiful interiors
- Gorgeous gardens



Cost: \$10 per lecture, or all 3 for \$25

Register Now
 email: jo@northleaunited.ca
 or call: 416-425-5252

Northlea United Church, 125 Brentcliffe Road



A FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2024

Taizé-Style Prayer

Celebrating Christian Unity: *The Beauty of Holiness*

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Northlea United Church

125 Brentcliffe Road, Toronto ON M4G 3Y7

Join Christians from various traditions to celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2024 in the Greater Toronto Area as we mark the 60th anniversary of the Vatican 'Decree on Ecumenism,' giving thanks for 'The Beauty of Holiness' (1 Peter 1:15-16).

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and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches

Please call the Northlea United Church at 416-425-5252 for more information

BACH TO BROADWAY

An evening of wonderful music & song
at Northlea!

with Marc McNamara
Baritone
accompanied on piano by
Brahm Goldhamer

Sunday, October 6, 2024
5:00 pm

Free-will offering
in support of Youth Without Shelter

Families welcome

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Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30

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