



Northlea United Church  
**In the community. For the community.**  
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## **September 8, 2024**

# **Sixteenth 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](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:

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**[www.northleaunited.ca](http://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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

Jackie Morris - Reader

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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](mailto: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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**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**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:**

We are able to gather in love because

**God creates a universe with the possibility of being and relating.**

We tend to the Earth and all its inhabitants because

**God mends the broken and reconciles the estranged.**

We are drawn into worship because

**God guides all things toward harmony with their Source.**

**Come! Let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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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:**

Loving God - Source of all life - we move in you.

**As we travel on our faith journey, may our thoughts and meditations, words and actions,  
be to and for your Holy purpose.**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we have our being in you.

**Remind us of our interconnectedness.**

**Forgive us when we add to the brokenness of our world.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

Gracious God, because we have received your forgiveness and love, help us to tell  
your story of forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and transformation to a world in need.

**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 125 - Voices United 849

Jackie Morris



Those who trust in God stand fast for ev - er.

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Those who trust in God are like Mount Zion,  
Which cannot be moved but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so, God, you surround your people now and forever. R**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not rest on the land assigned to the just,  
lest the just should put out their hand to do evil.

**Do good, O God, to those who are good,  
to those who are upright in heart.**

As for those who turn aside into crooked ways,  
our God shall lead them away with evil-doers;  
**but peace shall be upon Israel. R**

#### Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

#### Reflection: Building Beloved Community – A Beginning

### ❖ Responding ❖

#### Hymn: I Am a Child of God

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#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering Prayer

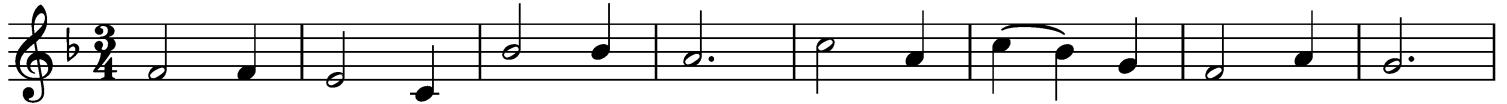
#### Prayers of the People

**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: Take My Life and Let It Be**

**Voices United 506**



- 1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, all for thee;
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- ✦ 3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee;
- 4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be\_\_\_ no long - er mine;
- 5. Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet\_\_\_ its treas - ure store;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow\_\_\_ in cease - less praise.
- take my feet,\_\_\_ and let them be swift and pur - pose - ful for thee.
- ✦ take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- take my heart,\_\_\_ it is thine own; it shall be\_\_\_ thy roy - al throne.
- take my - self,\_\_\_ and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

**Sending Forth:**

*(Adapted from Romans 12 and 1 Thessalonians 5)*

Go to God's world speaking hope;  
**have courage;**  
hold on to what is good;  
**return no one evil for evil;**  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support those in need, and help the suffering;  
**honour all people;**  
love and serve God,  
trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## 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

# Music List

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Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Voices United 326



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2. Je - - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
\* 3. He speaks, and list - 'ning to his voice, new  
4. Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your  
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - -



- great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
bids our sor - rows cease, 'tis mu - sic in the  
\* life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken  
tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind be - hold your  
- sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the



- God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
\* hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!  
earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

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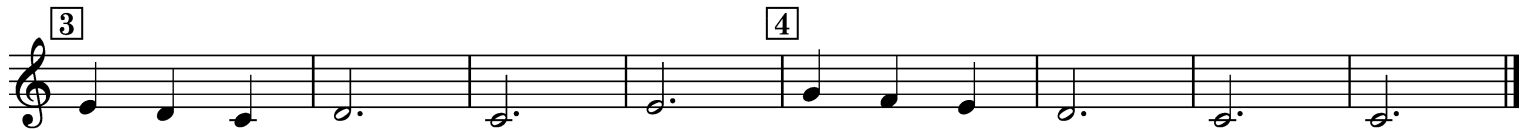
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Hymn: I Am a Child of God

More Voices 157



1. I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new cre - a - tion.  
2. I am an end - less prayer, I am a yearn - ing for con - temp - la - tion,  
+ 3. I am an ang - ry voice, I am com - pas - sion and con - stern - a - tion,  
4. I am a cry for peace, I am com - mit - ment and ded - i - ca - tion,  
5. I am a song of joy, I am the mo - ment of ju - bi - la - tion



- I am a child of God, I am a child of God.  
I am an en - less prayer, I am an end - less prayer.  
+ I am an ang - ry voice, I am an ang - ry voice.  
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.  
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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...

- **Thursday, September 12, 2024** – 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Weekly Choir Rehearsals begin.
  - If you can carry a tune, you are welcome to join us! Starting Christmas music soon!
- **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 – 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

**Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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