



Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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## **October 27, 2024**

# **Reformation 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](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:

**Facebook:**

Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

**[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. Stephen Milton – 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

Josh Clemenger - 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.

**416 425 5252 or [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)**

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**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**Choral Prelude:** Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?

Negro Spiritual  
Arr. by Salone T. Clary

**We welcome Rev. Stephen Milton as our guest minister today.**

**Welcome**

Donna Rutz

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Rev. Stephen Milton

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

**We celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. *(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:**

Come, let us gather this morning in this place of sanctuary God has made for us.

**As the trees burn with the colours of fall, and the days grow shorter,  
we know that God's love is eternal and unchanging.**

**God is always waiting for us.**

So let us put aside our worries and troubles for a while, like tools and shoes left at the door.

**Let us take off our coats and be warmed this morning by the love of God:  
a fire always burning, a hearth that never goes cold.**

Let us bring our hearts, minds and bodies to God, to be inspired this morning by the Holy Spirit,  
in word, song, and silence.

**Amen**

**Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God** *(Words & music by Martin Luther)*

**Voices United 262**

**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:**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we come to you as people who often make mistakes.

We travel through each day trying to be good, but we often stumble.

Some of our mistakes we do on purpose, determined to get what we think we deserve.

Other mistakes we commit in the moment, with no forethought,  
yet the damage is done to others.

Sometimes we do things in good conscience,  
but it all goes wrong anyway,  
and we realize we have hurt another.

**God of compassion, we apologize for the mistakes we have made,  
on purpose, thoughtlessly, and even by accident.**

As people of our time, there are sins large and small that we may not even recognize.

Through our actions and inaction, we may be contributing  
to sexism, homophobia, racism and ableism.

Sins we may not personally recognize, but which are felt keenly by others.

**Loving God, who led the Israelites out of bondage,  
help us to work together to break apart social systems of oppression.**

**Whether we benefit from these systems, or are their victim,  
we need your help to bring justice to the world.**

**Help release us from the chains that hold back the full flourishing of our humanity.**

**All this we pray in the name of the one who turned no one away, Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

**A Sanctuary Moment** – Why are our Sanctuaries so bare?

❖ **Listening** ❖

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

Josh Clemenger

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

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:1-8

**Gospel:** Mark 10:46-52

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** O God, Whose Healing Power

Words by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.  
Music by Randall Sensmeier

**Reflection:** What do you want?

Rev. Stephen Milton

❖ **Responding** ❖

**Hymn: God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace**

**Voices United 676**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Prayer:**

Let us pray:

Eternal One, you have shaped us in bodies that come in all sizes, colours, genders and abilities.

Each of us is a piece of sacred art, carved by you, and blessed by you.

We have been granted the precious gift of consciousness.

We act by will, not instinct.

**We can choose to be selfish or kind, loving or hard-hearted.**

**We thank you for bringing us the good news.**

**For heaping upon us more blessings that we can count.**

**We now offer back to you gifts of time, talent and resources,  
knowing that all of it came from You.**

**We thank you for all our blessings, Amen.**

**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.**

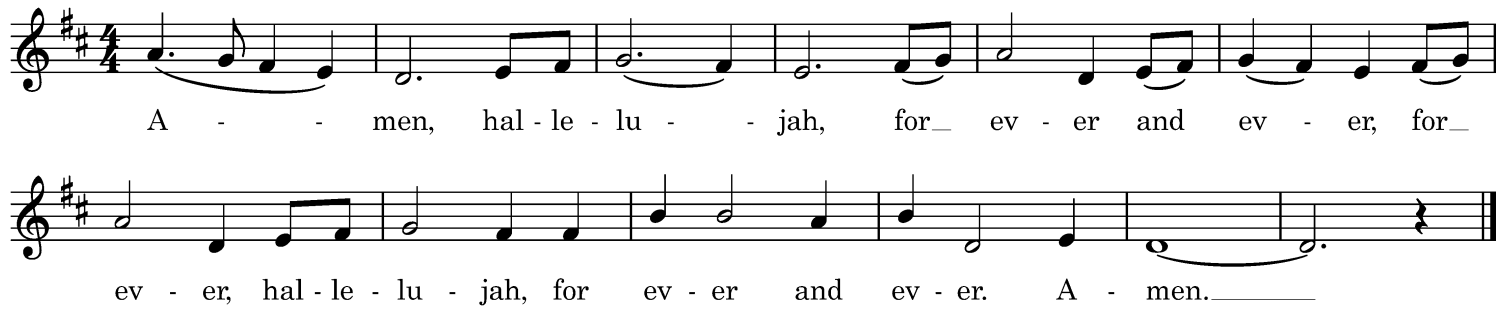
**Closing Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**Voices United 326, omit vs. 4**

**Benediction**

## Amen:

Bob Dufford



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



### Rev. Stephen Milton's Biography:

Rev. Stephen Milton is the lead minister at Lawrence Park Community Church. He became a minister just over five years ago, after a long career as a documentary filmmaker. He is a father of three and stepfather of three, and husband to wife Amanda. Stephen is active in social justice causes, particularly housing rights. He also loves the deep wisdom of the Bible, which is a constant source of inspiration for social justice work. He is also a longtime meditator.

## This month at Northlea ...

- **Note:** the office will be closed Monday & Tuesday October 28 & 29, 2024
- **Sunday, November 3, 2024** – Day light savings ends - 10:30 am – Worship with Communion – Covenanting service with Liz Mackenzie, Guest Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam; light refreshments and cake
- **Monday, November 4, 2024** – all day – Toronto City By-Election – staff will be working from home.
- **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** - 6:00 pm – Congregational Potluck Supper
- **Sunday, November 10, 2024 – Remembrance Sunday:**
  - 10:30 am – Worship
  - 5:00 pm – Harold Bratten and MLC for an evening of music
- **Tuesday, November 12:**
  - 7:30 pm - Taizé
- **Sunday, November 17, 2024 – Children Sunday:**
  - 10:30 am – Worship
  - 11:30 am – 2025 Budget Q&A
- **Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Reign of Christ:**
  - 10:30 am – Worship
  - 11:30 am – 2025 Budget meeting
  - 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner
  
- **Mondays:**  
Bible Study moves to Mondays at 4:30 pm starting October 21
- **Wednesdays:**  
11:00 am – Chair Exercise until November 20  
7:30 pm – Community Choir until December 4
- **Thursdays:**  
1:30 pm – Art Circle  
7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – Rehearsing Christmas Repertoire 7:30 – 8:30 pm



## UCW of Northlea Fun-d-Raiser

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### Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

#### ***All Saints' Day***

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;

Revelation 21:1-6; John 11:32-44

#### ***Sunday***

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;

Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

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