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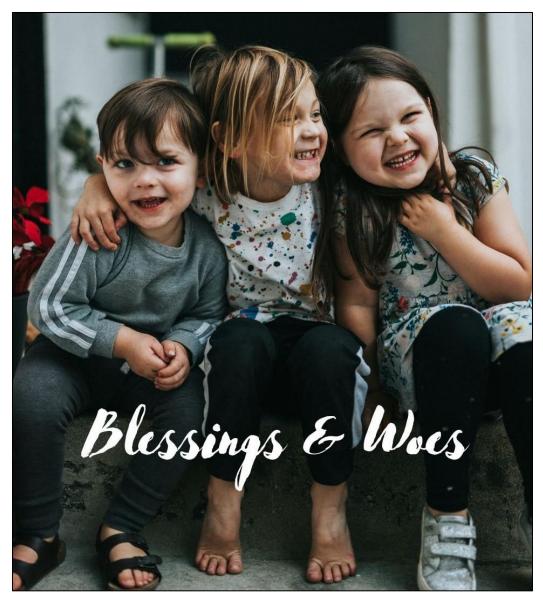


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# February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

David Jafelice - 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:

- 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

\*\* Unless otherwise indicated: Prayers (various) are taken from "The United Church of Canada – Gathering - resources for worship planners Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2024/2025 Year C Worship, Music, and Spirituality ISSN-0823-1869 1.8 M 09/24 240003 CH11205

# Northlea United Church Sunday, February 16, 2025

#### Welcome

# **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

God is love and where God is, there is love.

It is in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection that we discover there is no fear in love; perfect love casts out fear.

We celebrate God's wonderful love that is light and life for all God's creation.

(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.

Introit: Over My Head African-American Spiritual. Arr. Stephen Lee, 2006. More Voices 88

Call to Worship: (based on Micah 6:6-8)

With what shall we come before our God?

God has already told us what is good.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to do justice.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to love kindness.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to walk humbly with God.

Come then, let us open ourselves to God's calling.

Let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn: Welcome Table** 

African American Spiritual, see page 7

From **Singing Welcome**: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees and Immigrants. The Hymn Society.

#### 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, you created all human beings in your image and likeness.

You have made each human person unique, special, and every one bears your image.

Through that image you call on us to reflect your goodness, justice, and love to all the world.

Remind us that when we speak out for justice, mercy, and compassion we are mirroring your goodness and grace.

Remind us that we are to respect all human beings because in each is a reflection of your glory.

(A time of silent prayer.)

In the name of Jesus, who is God-with-us, we pray.

Amen.

# **A Sanctuary Moment**

A New Creed (United Church of Canada, 1968, revised 1980 and 1995)

We are not alone,

we live in God's world,

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

# **❖** Listening ❖

# **Prayer for Illumination:**

**David Jafelice** 

God of Epiphany,

We long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways.

Open our ears to the call of your voice.

Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day.

Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1

Voices United 724, with sung refrain

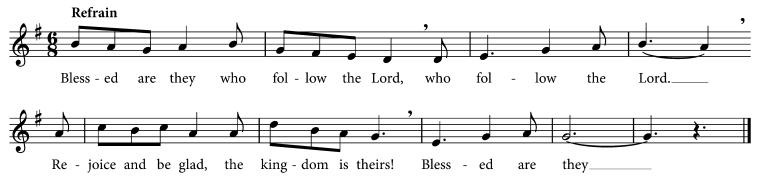
**Gospel:** Luke 6:17-26

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

Thanks be to God!

# Anthem: Blessed are they Who Follow the Lord

**James Chepponis** 



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Reflection: On The Level

**❖** Responding ❖

Hymn: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

**More Voices 10** 

**Invitation to the Offering** 

**Offering Hymn: When We Are Living –** (from Voices United 581)

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Offering Prayer (in unison)

Life-giving God, may these gifts help bring justice into your hurting world.

Through the power of your Spirit, multiply our efforts that we might be the face of Christ to each other and to all whom you would have us minister. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

### Lord's Prayer:

**Eternal Spirit,** 

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**Voices United 481** 

# **Sending Forth:**

(Robin Wardlaw in Gathering – A/C/E 2010-11, 47. Used with permission.)

Go from here with the light of unity.

Go from here with the light of hope.

Go from here to where God waits,

And our love is needed.

We go as one, to the world God loves.

# **Blessing**



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#### **Postlude**

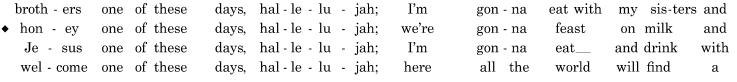
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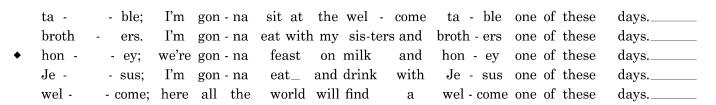
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# **African American Spiritual**





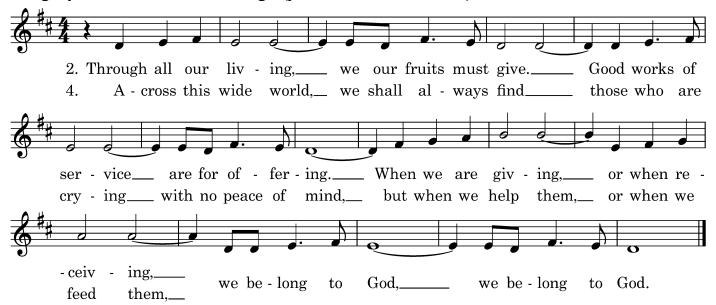


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# Coming up at Northlea...

### Muffin Month is almost over!

Leaside Presbyterian is continuing with their Community Time Program, in which approximately 27-30 individuals in need participate. These individuals receive a Grocery Gift card and TTC fare card (two fares). That means it costs a little under \$30/person to run the program. each year Northlea United helps by raising funds to cover at least one month's costs – that's \$900. We are making progress, but we are not at our goal ... yet! And time is running out. Can you help?

You can make your cheque or envelope out to Northlea United and indicate Muffin Month on the memo line.

Monday, February 17, 2025 – the office will be closed for Family Day.

Wednesdays starting February 19, 2025 - 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing begins for 10 weeks. Be sure to let the office know if you plan to participate and then bring your \$75/person to the first session.

**Tuesday, February, 25, 2025** – 12:00 noon -Lunch and Learn – Silver Lining Senior Advisors present Planning for the Future: Exploring Your Retirement Living Options. Please register with Jo or the office by noon on Friday, February 21, 2025.

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025** – Pancakes and Ashes – 6:00 pm – Potluck with crepes for dessert – sign up on the flip cart in the Narthex or with the office. Followed by a service of ashes in the Sanctuary.

# **Ongoing:**

# Mondays:

4:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom – everyone is welcome
 Monday, February 17 – Part 3 of our deep dive into Jonah
 Starting Monday, February 24 to March 3, we will journey through the Book of Ruth. Each week,
 Rev. Liz will send out an overview of the material and discussion questions for our sessions. We gather by Zoom from 4:30-6:00 pm. To receive the link and the materials, please contact Liz at liz@northleaunited.ca.

# Wednesdays:

7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir – starting February 19

# Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm Art Circle everyone is welcome there will be no Art Circle on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 7:30 pm Northlea Choir Practice

# Lunch & Learn with Silver Lining Senior Advisors

# Planning for the Future: Exploring Your Retirement Living Options

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12 Noon - Lunch Provided Northlea United Church, 125 Brentcliffe Rd.

As we age, planning ahead is essential. Join us as we welcome Peg Bocci from Silver Lining Senior Advisors for an informative session where she will discuss the variety of possibilities available for retirement living.

# **Expert insights into:**

- Making your current home safer for aging in place
- Exploring retirement living options
- Elder care planning

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the best options for your future.

To register email:

Jo@northleaunited.ca

Or call:

416-425-5252

Deadline to register: Friday Feb. 21, 2025





6:00 PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Service of ashes to follow in the sanctuary



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From *The Gathering*Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

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