



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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February 9, 2025
Fifth 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:

The Lay Worship Circle – 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
Sue Earl - 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



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, February 9, 2025

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship at Northlea United Church

Prelude

Welcome

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ's Spirit 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

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Response:

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

Introit: Jesus Calls Us

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Call to Worship:

Let us sing songs of praise to God.

Let us rejoice in God our Creator.

Let us lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us reach out to the one who saves us.

Let us dedicate our lives to serve God with joy.

Let us offer ourselves to the work of the kingdom.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: Welcome Table

African American Spiritual

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

1. I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come ta - - ble; I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come
2. I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and broth - ers; I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and
♦ 3. We're gon - na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na feast on milk and
4. I'm gon - na eat and drink with Je - - sus; I'm gon - na eat and drink with
5. Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the world will find a

ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come
broth - ers one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and
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from *Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees & Immigrants*. The Hymn Society. Page 33.

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 together

In a world filled with noise,

you are a place of quiet, God.

In a world filled with complexity,

you are wisdom.

In a world filled with brokenness and loss,

you are the sturdy ground of our being.

Through this time together, through the love of Christ,

may the world be changed and may all be made whole. Amen.

(Opening prayer by the Very Reverend Richard Bott in Gathering - A/C/E 2023/24)

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Sue Earl

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.

New Testament Reading: Luke 5:1-11

In this reading we hear God's voice.

The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God!

Anthem: Down to the River to Pray

African American Spiritual, Arr. by Sheldon Curry

From the Motion Picture O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

Reflection: Called to Discipleship

by Joy Bott (LLWL), St. John's United Church, Marathon ON

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❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: Jesus Saw Them Fishing / Fish With Me – (from MV 113)

REFRAIN:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain: "Oh, ___ come and fol - low me. ___ Oh, ___ leave be - hind your nets. I call you." The second staff contains the second line: "Oh, ___ come and fish with me, ___ and your life will nev - er be the same a - gain." The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the missing words.

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Invitation to the Offering

Donna Rutz

As an act of thanksgiving, we respond to God's love by bringing our gifts of time, energy, and skills, our offerings of life and love. Please consider the many ways to give financially to the life and work of Northlea United Church that are listed in your bulletin.

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living – (from VU 581)



2. Through all our liv - ing,___ we our fruits must give. ___ Good works of
4. A - cross this wide world,___ we shall al - ways find ___ those who are



ser - vice ___ are for of - fer - ing. ___ When we are giv - ing, ___ or when re -
cry - ing ___ with no peace of mind, ___ but when we help them, ___ or when we



- ceiv - ing, ___ we be - long to God, ___ we be - long to God.
feed them, ___

Spanish Melody. Text: Vs. 2, 4 by Roberto Escamilla 1983. Translation by Carlton R. Young 1989.
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Offering Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, accept our humble offerings.

May they be used to help bring your justice, peace, and love to all people and all creation. Unite us as followers of Jesus in service to your dream of healing for our broken world. 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: I Feel the Winds of God Today

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Coming up at Northlea...

Tuesday, February 4 to Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – Rev. Liz will be away on vacation. Rev. John Joseph Mastandrea will be available for emergency Pastoral Care. Please contact the office with any inquiries.

Monday, February 10, 2025 - Bible Study has been moved to Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:30 pm on Zoom to finish Part 3 of the Jonah study.

Thursday, February 13, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Council Meeting online

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 & Learn with Silver Lining Senior Advisors: Planning for the Future – Exploring your retirement living options – please register with Jo or the office by noon on Friday, February 21. Free will offering is appreciated but not required.

Ongoing:

It's Muffin Month again!

As you see above, LPC 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 and each year Northlea United helps by raising funds to cover at least one month's costs – that's \$900. So, let's see if we can do it again, Northlea! You can make your cheque or envelope out to Northlea United and indicate Muffin Month on the memo line.

Mondays:

- Bible Study at 4:30 pm on Zoom – everyone is welcome – **There will be no Bible Study on February 10. Part 3 of the Jonah Study will resume on February 17th.**

Starting **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.

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Art Circle – everyone is welcome
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice