



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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March 2, 2025
Transfiguration Sunday
Communion 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. 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

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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, March 2, 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: Oh a Song Must Rise *(from MV 142)*

Words and Music: Paul B. Svenson, 1995;
Arranged: Bryn Nixon 2006

Call to Worship:

Come! Settle into the space where God listens!

Where God waits...

Come as you are:

broken or whole;

sick or well;

satisfied or with deep longings.

Come to sing,

Come to cry,

Come to hear,

Come to see,

Come and be ready or

Come to be made ready...

We are gathered together in God's time,

and God is with us. Let us worship God!

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Opening Hymn: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

Voices United 103

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:

God of Transfiguration and Transformation,
you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life.
We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops.

**Open our eyes to your presence;
Open our ears to your call;
Open our hands to serve your world;
Open our hearts to your healing love...**

(A time of silent prayer...)

We pray in the name of your son, the beloved;
the one chosen to bring your strong love to fulfillment in the world.
Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

**...Grateful for God's loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.
With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We also speak of God as
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
God, Christ, and Spirit
Mother, Friend, and Comforter
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
and in other ways that speak faithfully of
the One on whom our hearts rely,
the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.
We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love....**

(To read the full Song of Faith, access it here:

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/song-faith-2006.>)

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

God of Epiphany,
We long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways.
Open our ears to the call of your voice.

Joshua Clemenger

Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day.
Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Come Down, O Love Divine

Music: Hilary Tadman-Robins (b. 1947)
Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434). Trans. R. F. Littledale

Reflection: Transfiguring God’s World

❖ Responding ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living

(from VU 581 Vss. 2 & 4)



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,___
feed them,___ we be - long to God,____ we be - long to God.

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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.**

❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Voices United 341

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Christ is present here.

The Spirit is among us.

Let us give thanks to God,
in memory and in hope.

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth we recognize your grace;
light, life, and love, revealed in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us, in compassion that heals and frees us.

And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for your realm,
that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and follow in your way.

We remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**he shared food with followers and friends,
with those whom society considered the last and least,
with crowds of thousands on the hillside, and a few friends in an upper room.**

On the night he was handed over, the night before he was crucified,
Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal.

He took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, saying,

"This is my body, which is broken for you. As often as you eat it, remember me."

After sharing the bread, Jesus took a cup of wine, and gave it to them to drink, saying,

"This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ –
light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .

all who are ill or alone . . .

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .

for all whom the world counts as last and least

We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . .

for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .

for all our families and friends

We gather these and all our prayers and lift our voices in a translation of the prayer Jesus taught:

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.**

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

[The Lord's Prayer: *A Translation* (The United Church of Christ, U.S.A.,1995.) VU 916]

(The bread is broken.)

The bread that we break

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

(The cup is filled.)

The cup for which we give thanks

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Come and be nourished at Christ's table.

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God,

may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;

we, who have received Christ's love,

be agents of this love in the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(from VU 210, sung to the tune of
WESTMINSTER ABBEY #325)



1. You, Lord, are both lamb and shep - herd. You, Lord, are ___ both prince and slave.
2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might ___ up - on the cross,
3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er at God's side.
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is ___ our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er of the way ___ you took and gave.
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry beg - gared by ___ a sol - dier's toss.
You, who preach a way that's nar - row, have a love ___ that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry. Wor - thy still ___ your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
You the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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Sending Forth:

(adapted from VU 430)

**God be in our heads and our understanding;
God be in our eyes and in our looking;
God be in our mouths and in our speaking;
God be in our hearts and in our loving;
God be in our beginnings and our endings.**

Blessing

Amen: (from VU 974)

Jim Strathdee



A - men! A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!

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Postlude

Coming up at Northlea...

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.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – For The Love of Singing Community Choir is cancelled as it is Ash Wednesday.

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – **First of Lent** - 10:30 am – Worship; Daylight Savings begins

March 10 – 17, 2025 inclusive -Rev. Liz will be on Study Leave

Tuesdays from March 11 – April 8, 2025 – 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesdays are back

Friday, March 14, 2025:

- 2:00 pm – World Day of Prayer Celebration at St Cuthbert's Anglican - 1399 Bayview Ave – all are welcome
- National Affirming/P.I.E. Day – Let's be Public, Intentional and Explicit in celebrating the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

Sunday, March 16, 2025 – 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Sunday, March 23, 2025:

- 10:30 am – Worship with Rev. Liz
- 5:00 pm – Love Jazz with Paul Callander and his band

Saturday, March 29, 2025 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

Sunday, March 30, 2025:

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Congregation Consultation
- 5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth Without Shelter

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: 4:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom – everyone is welcome

It's A Lenten Bible Study!

Please join Rev. Liz for a six-part Lenten Bible series on **Mondays March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, and 14 on Zoom from 4:30-6 p.m.** This study will follow Mark's gospel account of Jesus' last week as studied and interpreted by renowned biblical scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Mark's gospel is the only one to follow Jesus on a day by day basis during his last week. In their book, The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus' Last Week in Jerusalem (HarperCollins: New York, 2006), Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan point out that Mark's day-by-day journey with Jesus is in keeping with a daily Holy Week liturgy - daily lessons about Jesus' teachings as the action moves inevitably to the cross.

You do not have to read the book to participate in the study. Rev. Liz will send out a weekly synopsis of Borg's and Crossan's chapter for study along with questions for discussion. For more information, please contact Rev. Liz at liz.minister@northleaunited.ca. **All are welcome!**

Tuesdays: 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesdays from March 11 – April 8

Wednesdays: 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir – no choir March 5

Thursdays:

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

Next Week's Readings

From The Gathering

Ash Wednesday:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First of Lent:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit northleaunited.ca.

**Mar
4TH**

NORTHLEA UNITED FAMILY

PANCAKE POTLUCK

**6:00 PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

Service of ashes to follow in the sanctuary



BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**SIGN UP ON THE CHART IN THE FOYER
OR CALL THE OFFICE**

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HOT and HEARTY...and OH, SO GOOD!



Join us every
Tuesday in Lent
at 12 p.m.
starting
March 11



A different flavour every week!

