



Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

At Northlea United Church, we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

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

June Cavers - 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, March 30, 2025**

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We gather together in the light of Christ's love.

Christ's love shines in our hearts! *(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: I Will Arise and Go

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
(English organist & composer, son of Samuel Wesley)

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God! Let us journey the way of faithfulness.

We open our hearts and receive the wonderful gift of God's grace.

May we share with others the glory of God's welcome.

God's gift to all is love and compassion!

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: Jerusalem My Destiny – (vss. 1, 2, 5)

Rory Cooney, see page 6

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: from Voices United #110 (alt.)

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,

So may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

Keep our feet firmly on the way where Christ leads us;

Help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us;

Fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us....

(A time of silent prayer and confession)

God of love, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who incarnated for us your gifts of forgiveness, reconciliation, and grace.

Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

June Cavers

God of blessing, God of transformation, God of our Lenten journey;
help us to discern your still, small voice.

Open us to change, growth, and the hope of new life,
that we may walk with Christ. Amen.

(Rev. Ted Dodd in Celebrate God's Presence, 156.)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God – *(Psalm 51:10-13)*

Carl Frank Mueller (1892-1982)

Reflection: Meeting Grace

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

Voices United 686

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Grant Us, God, the Grace

(from VU 540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giv - ing, with a spir - it large and free,
that our - selves and all our liv - ing we may of - fer faith - ful - ly.

Offering Prayer (in unison):

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer:

our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts, that we may be a blessing to the world you love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter (1988) - **Voices United p. 916**

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: There Is Room for All

More Voices 62

Sending Forth to our Congregational Gathering

Amen:

Marty Haugen



A - men, A - men, A - - men! A - men, A - men, A - - men!

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Postlude: (All are invited to move to the Community Room while the Postlude is playing.)

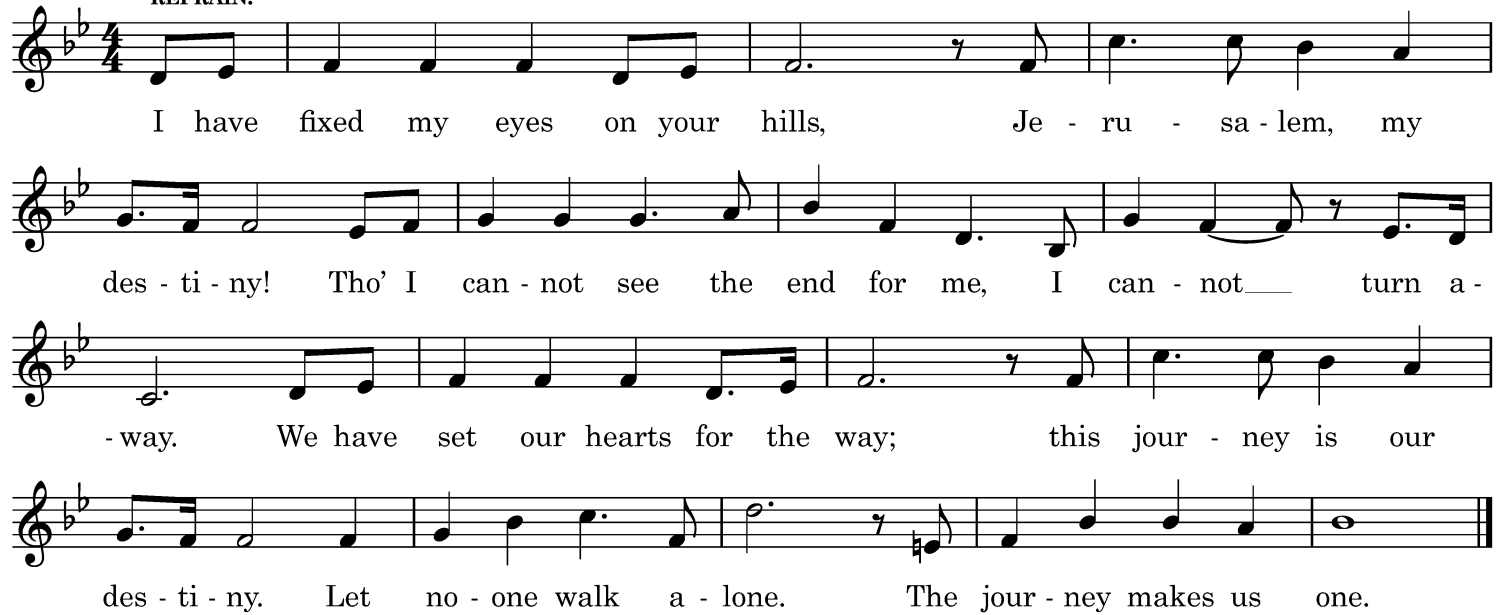
Music List

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Opening Hymn: Jerusalem My Destiny – (vss. 1, 2, 5)

Rory Cooney

REFRAIN:



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Tho' I can - not see the end for me, I can - not turn a -
- way. We have set our hearts for the way; this jour - ney is our
des - ti - ny. Let no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

VERSES:



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies. _____
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me. _____
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone. _____

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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Coming up at Northlea...

TODAY!:

Name Tags for Lent! Please remember that we are practicing hospitality for Lent by wearing our name tags, especially during Coffee Hour and for congregational gatherings. If you do not have a name tag, we have temporary ones and we will be happy to make you one for the following week. Speak to Lois, Donna, or Liz for more information.

- 11:30 am – Congregation Consultation **(do come even if you did not sign up)**
- 5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth Without Shelter



Easter Flower Tribute continues to Palm Sunday. Remember your loved ones at Easter and help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and Foyer. Remember to include your information and the names of those you want remembered. Please indicate flower tribute on memo line of cheques. Names will appear in the Easter bulletin as long as they are received by Sunday, April 13, 2025

(Palm Sunday). Best efforts will be made for donations received after that date. After the Easter service on April 20th, volunteers will deliver flowers to the homebound. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the office at office@northleaunited.ca

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn with the UCWN and Rachel Chernos Lin. Free will offering is appreciated but not required.

Saturday, April 5, 2025 – from 1:00 – 2:30 pm – Festival of Faith in the Pines: Creation as God's Work. See the information below.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 12:00 noon – the last Soup Tuesday

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 31, April 7, and 14 on Zoom from 4:30-6:00 pm. 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. For more information, please contact Rev. Liz at liz@northleaunited.ca . All are welcome!

Wednesdays: 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir

Thursdays:

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

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

for Christian Unity 2025: Creation as God's Work

Saturday, April 5, 2025
between 1:00 & 2:30 pm

In the Pines @ Northlea United Church

Join Christians from various traditions and explore the theological significance of creation & its role in God's divine plan through a drop-in, interactive, self-guided experience.



Rain or shine.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place indoors.

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Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Fifth of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians
3:4-14; John 12:1-8

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

EASTER *at Northlea United*

@ 10:30 am or
online any time

Palm Sunday April 13

Good Friday April 18

@ Northlea United
with Leaside Presbyterian participation

Easter Sunday April 20

Maundy Thursday April 17

6:30 pm - Service and Supper @ Manor Road United
(240 Manor Rd E)
with Northlea United participation



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