



Northlea United Church

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

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# *A Place at the Table*



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**April 27, 2025**  
**Holy Humour Sunday**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

## All about “A Place At The Table” image...

Thank you for your interest in “A Place at the Table.” We are honoured to share this important project and image with you. A couple of things to keep in mind:

The work is not only the photo, but an interactive website that includes video testimony and detailed biographic reflections of the disciples and photographer. You are encouraged to interact with this site: <https://united-church.ca/a-place-at-the-table>. As a community, we might also consider how we might create an image such as this in and beyond our community, to reflect our hopes for ministry into the future.

The photo is intended to stir conversation and welcome and belonging. However, if possible, please invite conversation and reflection on how this image might invite us, as a United Church, to think in new and renewed ways about who we invite into our community. It is meant to help support our efforts in deepening and broadening our hospitality. Who is missing from our table? What communities might we come alongside? Who could we invite, with humility, but also confidence, to be part of our community of faith?

Finally, the image was created first and foremost to help people outside the United Church come to understand us in new ways, ways perhaps different from current assumptions of a rule-based, exclusive Christianity. Please consider ways in which we can share this image with the broader community whose curiosity might be stirred, and who might seek to explore us anew or again, as they might seek community to broaden and deepen their spirituality.

Resources will continue to be developed on this theme of **A Place at the Table**. Also keep an eye for an interconnected project **#100Tables** which will profile ministries of the United Church across the country

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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](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:**

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Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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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)**

**\*\* Unless otherwise indicated: Prayers (various) are taken from “The United Church of Canada – Gathering - resources for worship planners Lent Easter 2025 Year C Worship, Music, and Spirituality ISSN-0823-1869 1.9 M 10/24 240004 CH11206**

**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Holy Humour Sunday**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

As we light the Christ Candle, we remember that the light of Christ shines in our hearts and connects us one to another as the Body of Christ.

*(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

Christ is risen!

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!**

**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 Am the Resurrection

Thomas Tomkins (1527-1656)

**Call to Worship:**

*(Philippians 4:4)*

Rejoice in the Lord always,

**and again we say rejoice!**

**Hallelujah, let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**Voices United 155**

**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:**

Loving and Life-giving God, some said that Easter might not come this year.  
But somehow, the stone was rolled away; somehow the tomb was emptied;  
somehow your love conquered the forces of death, as it has done over and over again.  
In the face of our fears and our doubts, you point to the Risen Christ and show us  
that we are not forgotten – we are not abandoned.

**Today, we rejoice in your love, O God!**

O God, while we struggle to hope in uncertain times,  
the promise of resurrection is our hope beyond hope.

**Forgive us our lingering doubts.**

Open our hearts to your offer of a love so strong that it cannot die  
so that we may contribute to the hope and love the world needs in this time...

*(A time of silent prayer and confession)*

People of God, hear the Good News:

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are loved and forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## **A Sanctuary Moment**

### **❖ Listening ❖**

#### **Prayer for Illumination:**

Anne Saunders

God of resurrection, may your Easter story become our story.

May the wonder and awe of lives made whole take hold deep in our soul.

May we receive and live the miracle account of resurrection.

We pray in the name of the enlivening Christ. Amen.

*(Rev. Laura Turnbull from GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.)*

#### **Scripture: Responsive Psalm 150 (with sung refrain)**

**Voices United page 875**

#### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **Anthem: My Peace I Leave with You**

Sonata No. 8 ("Pathétique") Op. 13

by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); Adapted and Arr. by Lon Beery

#### **Reflection: Holy Humour Sunday, Batman!**

### **❖ Responding ❖**

#### **Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**

**Voices United 169**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

## Offering Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising – (vs. 3 from VU 256)



3. Then, hear O gra - cious Sav-iour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your



fa - vour, our hum - ble ser - vice bring; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be\_\_



filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you



still: to\_\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your



ways, and\_\_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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## Offering Prayer

You, our source of joy. You, our hope revealed.

You, the dancing spirit of life. You, love rising, overcoming all that brings death.

**To you, O God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for life restored,  
for the uncontainable power of your love,  
for the promise that we are your own,  
called to be a source of healing in this broken world. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer:

**Voices United p. 914**

**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.**

Sending Forth and Blessing:

As we leave this sanctuary, may we be a blessing to ourselves, to others, and to our world, fully revealing and living the love God has placed within us.

May God fill us with love and laughter, hope and kindness,  
faith and compassion, today and always.

Amen:

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men.

*rit. poco a poco al fine*

Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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Next Week’s Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

To find out what’s happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca).

## Beyond Easter:

### **Sunday, May 4, 2025: YOU ARE INVITED! We celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

- 10:30 am – Celebration in Worship with the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry speaking; with group photo following
- 11:30 am – Celebratory Garden Party – outside if weather permits. Don't miss it!

**Friday, May 9, 2025** – 2:00 pm – Celebration of Life for Don Carlisle (Courtney Steeves' father), reception to follow.

**Note: the office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, May 12 & 13, 2025.** Tricia will be responding to voicemail and email but will be out of town.

**Sunday, May 11, 2025** – 10:30 am – Worship – Christian Family Sunday

**Sunday, May 18, 2025** – 10:30 am - Victoria Day weekend Worship with the Lay Worship Circle; Note the office will be closed on Monday, May 19, 2025 for the holiday.

**Saturday, May 24, 2025** – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

### **Sunday, May 25, 2025:**

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Northlea Annual General Meeting
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Bar-B-Que Dinner

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025** – 6:00 pm - UCWN Potluck dinner, annual meeting and speaker with Rev. Liz Mackenzie

## Ongoing Activities:

**Mondays:** 4:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom until June 2, 2025.

### **Wednesdays:**

- 11:00 am –Chair Exercise is back beginning April 23 for 6 weeks until May 28, 2025
- 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir extended to May 14, 2025

### **Thursdays:**

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – will break for the summer after June 19, 2025 and will meet again, starting September 11, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice until June 5, 2025 and will begin again, starting September 4, 2025.