



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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.

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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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jackie Morris - Reader

Minister: Rev. Liz Mackenzie – Liz@northleaunited.ca

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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

** 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 6, 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: All Who Hunger

Voices United 460

Call to Worship:

We are very near now to the time of letting go,
when the grain of wheat falls into the ground.

We fear the falling, the losing;
we don't want to think about it.

And yet, in the soil there is a mystery:
life lost and kept for eternity.

We are very near now to the time of letting go.
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Voices United 642

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 God, we gather this day to be present with you and with each other.

**In this time and in this place, we prepare to meet you on the path Jesus journeyed,
the path to the cross, a path that goes beyond our fear into your light....**

(A time of silent prayer and confession.)

Gracious God, through this journey we make, may we be opened to what you offer to us and to the world.

**Bless us as we worship together, open to the journey toward the cross,
where your transforming light and love wait for us. Amen.**

(Diane Trollope, 2025, alt. This content is part of GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.)

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jackie Morris

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: Responsive Psalm 126 (*Voices United p. 850, with sung refrain 1*)

Gospel: John 12:1-8

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: The Cross of Jesus

Words and Music by Francis Patrick O'Brien

Reflection: No Love Greater Than This

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: Said Judas to Mary

Voices United 129

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, you anoint us with an extravagant love.
In thanksgiving, we present these gifts of our hands and hearts.
May they be used to love your world into wholeness. 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: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Voices United 234

Sending Forth and Blessing:

Amen:

Marty Haugen



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

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Postlude

Coming up at Northlea...

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 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 April 7 & 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:

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

Thursdays:

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

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;

Luke 22:14-23:56; Luke 23:1-49

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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