



Northlea United Church

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

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*I give you a new commandment ...*



**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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](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:**

Lay Worship Circle

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

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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)**

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# Northlea United Church

## Sunday, May 18, 2025

Welcome

Lois Scott

### 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:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Voices United 602

### Call to Worship:

This is the day our God has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

No matter if it is sunny or raining,  
**windy or calm.**

It is a gift to celebrate.


**This is the day our God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Opening Hymn: Gather Your People


Bob Hurd

With a gospel swing ♩ = c. 112

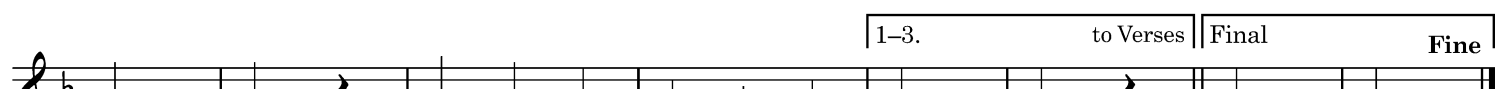
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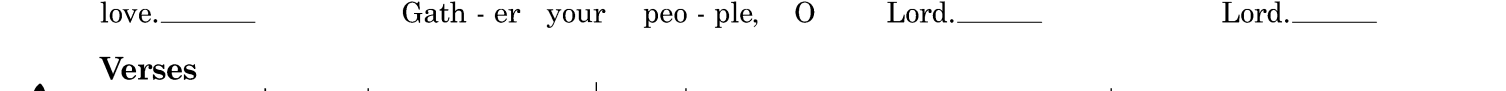
Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord, Gath - er your



peo - ple O Lord. One bread, one bod - y, one spir - it of



love. 1-3. to Verses Final Fine



Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord. Lord.

### Verses



1. Draw us forth to the ta - ble of life: broth - ers and sis - ters,
2. We are parts of the bod - y of Christ, need - ing each oth - er,
3. No more harm on the moun - tain of God: swords in - to plow - shares.



D.S. al Fine

1. each of us called to walk in your light.
2. each of the gifts the Spir - it pro - vides.
3. Free us, O Lord, from hard - ness of heart.

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## 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:

Spirit of Life and Love, you call us:  
You call us to be more than we are now,  
More than we can be on our own.

**We pray that we may be open to your leading,  
open to your love,  
open to your transforming presence,  
ready to have new life breathed into us so that we can more fully be your people.  
Amen**

## ❖ Listening ❖

### Prayer for Illumination:

Jackie Morris

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:** Acts 11:1-18

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem: Love One Another

James Chepponis

Love one an - oth - er, for love is of God.\_\_\_\_

Love one an - oth - er, for God is\_\_\_\_\_ love.

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### Reflection:

## ❖ Responding ❖

### Hymn: God of the Sparrow

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### Invitation to the Offering:

If we knew that our actions were the only experience a person had of God’s love, would this change how we treat others? We are called to love one another as God loves us – all of us. Those who are nothing like us, those who live somewhere else, those who might seem undeserving in our eyes.

You will find the many ways of giving of your time, talent and treasure in your bulletin.

Let us now bow our heads as we offer our gifts:

**In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.**

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.

Diana Bennett

**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: Welcome Table

Spiritual



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  
 ♦ hon - ey one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; we're gon - na feast on milk and  
 Je - sus one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na eat and drink with  
 wel - come one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; here all the world will find a

ta - - ble; I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.\_\_\_\_\_  
 broth - ers. I'm gon - na eat with my sis-ters and broth - ers one of these days.\_\_\_\_\_  
 ♦ hon - - ey; we're gon - na feast on milk and hon - ey one of these days.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - - sus; I'm gon - na eat and drink with Je - sus one of these days.\_\_\_\_\_  
 wel - - come; here all the world will find a wel - come one of these days.\_\_\_\_\_

from Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees & Immigrants. The Hymn Society. Page 33.

## 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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## Spring at Northlea United...

You can view pictures from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by visiting the Northlea website ([www.northleaunited.ca](http://www.northleaunited.ca)). There is a link on the home page that will take you right to the video of the service and the photos.

**Note:** the office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, May 19, 2025

**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** – 6:30 pm - UCWN potluck dinner, annual meeting and speaker with Rev. Liz Mackenzie

**Sunday, June 1, 2025** – 10:30 am - **There will NOT be a service at NUC that day.**

Instead, you are welcome to join Northlea UC while we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church **with the North Toronto Cluster of churches at ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH, 159 Roxborough Dr.**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Pentecost:**

- 10:30 am – Worship and Communion at Northlea and we will dedicate a plaque to Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom for her work on the National Healing Forest.
- 3:00 pm – Hymn Festival to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada with Northlea and Leaside United choirs at Leaside United, 822 Millwood Rd. M4G 1W4

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025** – the actual date of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

**Sunday, June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday** – 10:30 am – Worship

**Sunday, June 22, 2025** – 10:30 am – Worship – Rev. Liz Mackenzie's last day in the pulpit.

**Sunday, June 29, 2025 – Pride** - 10:30 am – Summer Worship with Rev. Rob Smith

## **Ongoing Activities:**

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

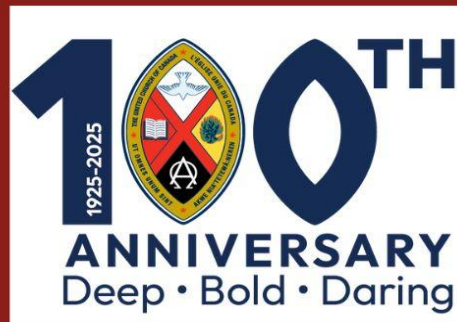
**Wednesdays:** 11:00 am –Chair Exercise is back beginning April 23 for 6 weeks until May 28, 2025

**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.

**June 1, 2025  
No Service at Northlea United**

**NORTHLEA UNITED  
&  
North Toronto Church Cluster  
CELEBRATE TOGETHER  
Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 10:30 am**



**of the United Church of Canada  
At Rosedale United Church  
159 Roxborough Drive**

**No service that day at Northlea United**

**Next Week's Readings**

*From The Gathering*

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9

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