



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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We are
GOD'S



RESURRECTING PEOPLE

May 25, 2025

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Annual Meeting 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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

David Jafelice - 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, May 25, 2025

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'm Gonna Shout, Shout – *(from MV 183)*

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: This is the Day that God has Made

Voices United 175

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:

For the beginnings, and the endings, and the in-between times,

We thank you, God!

For the questions, and the answers, and the searching we do,

We thank you, God!

For the celebrations, the memorials, and the communion times,

We thank you, God!

O God, on this Annual Meeting Sunday, we give you thanks for the gift of your love that continues to sustain us. Help us to remember all that you have done for us since the beginning of time, that we may be inspired to serve you faithfully in this time.....

(A time of silent prayer.)

Thank you, God, for all the ways that you have been with us;

Thank you for all the ways that you are with us;

Thank you for all the ways that you will be with us as we faithfully follow your call to be your church and your hope in the world. Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

David Jafelice

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 16:9-15 (CEB)

Gospel: John 14:23-29 (CEB)

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Peace, My Friends

Ray Rep

Vs. 2 harmony David Jafelice, Refrain & Vs. 3 harmony Michael Mulrooney

Reflection: A Resurrection People: With Open Arms

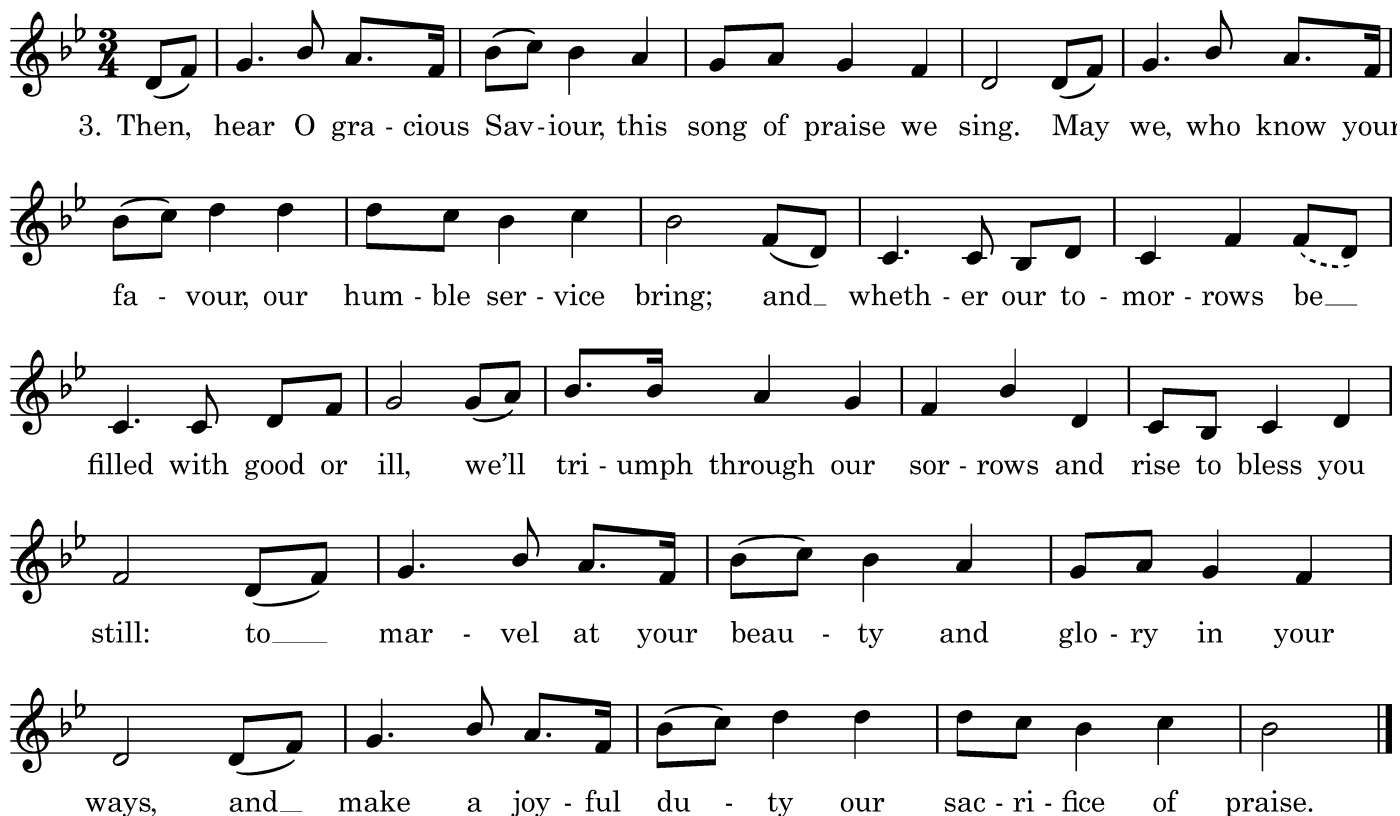
❖ **Responding** ❖

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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.**

Closing Hymn: God is Here

Voices United 389

Constituting the Northlea United Church Annual Meeting and Prayer

Lord's Prayer: Voices United p. 914, alt.

Creator God, 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 Into The Annual Meeting

It is time. God calls us to be a gospel people;

sharing the good news of Northlea United Church and of God's love for all people.

It is time. God calls us to be a resurrection people;

living God's promise of hopeful possibility and new life.

It is time. God calls us to be the body of Christ;

becoming all God dreams for us as faithful followers of the Way of Jesus.

It is time to follow God's leading.

(Rev. Liz Mackenzie, 2025)

Music List

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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.

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Summer at Northlea United...

TODAY:

- 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 – Sign up on the flip chart in the Narthex or call the office to indicate your potluck contribution.

NEXT SUNDAY – NO NORTHLEA SERVICE

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 100th 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 after worship.
- 3:00 pm – Hymn Festival to celebrate the 100th 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 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada You are invited to a celebratory tea at Jubilee United at 2:00 pm (40 Underhill Dr). Please RSVP with the Northlea Office by June 2.

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 – 10:30 am – Summer Worship with Rev. Rob Smith

You can view pictures from the 75th Anniversary by visiting the Northlea website (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

Ongoing Activities:

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

Wednesdays: 11:00 am –Chair Exercise 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.



**The YWS Food Bank needs urgent food donations.
Here is a list of items that they need desperately.**

Breakfast items

Condiments (ketchup, mustard, soya sauce, hot sauce, etc.)

Pancake mix

Syrup

Jam

Juice boxes

Tea and coffee; Hot Chocolate

Canned meat and fish

Sugar

Pasta sauce

Rice

Vegetarian/vegan instant meals

Gluten-free non-perishables

And of course, monetary donations go a long way to helping buy foods in bulk. You can visit yws.on.ca/donate-now/ to donate online or simply indicate YWS on the memo line of your cheque made out to Northlea United and we will ensure the money will be used in support of Youth Without Shelter.

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

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