



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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It's Northlea United Church's 75th Anniversary!



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

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:

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Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

www.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

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry – Guest Preacher

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Liz Mackenzie – Minister, Northlea United Church

Rev. Kerri Hagerman ✧ Rev. Eun Joo Park

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair ✧ Rev. Barbara White

Music:

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee & Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano

Karen Davidson & JoAnn Thompson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger & Tyler Smith – Tenor

Andrew Gunpath & Kai Lee – Bass

Tech Support:

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

Anniversary Planning Circle:

Diane Carlton ✧ Jim Hartley ✧ Laura Jarvis ✧ Jackie Morris ✧ Donna Rutz ✧ Lois Scott

Staff support: Jo Dullard ✧ Rev. Liz Mackenzie ✧ Tricia Reid

**Northlea United Church
Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**We welcome and thank the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry
as guest preacher for our 75th Anniversary service.**

Welcome

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

Greeting

Christ is risen!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

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.)

It is in the glow of the Christ Light that we gather.

It is in the glow of the Christ light that we find home.

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: Choral Fanfare – *(Psalm 71:8, 11; Daniel 7:14)*

H. Hamilton Smith

Call to Worship

Rev. Barbara White

How long has it been?

Seventy-five years!

Seventy-five good years?

**Seventy-five years in which God has called us to be a community of faith here on
Brentcliffe Road – the body of Christ, guided in the Spirit.**

So today we celebrate –

**what it means to be God's people;
what it means to be Christ's disciples;
what it means to be Northlea United Church.**

So today we give thanks to God for the blessings of past, present, and future.

And we celebrate!

Let us worship God!

(The Very Rev. R. Bott in Gathering – S/A 2010, 52, alt.)

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

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The Gift of Peace

Rev. Eun-Joo Park

(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)

Opening Prayer

Rev. Eun-Joo Park

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows, we gather as disciples of your Way, as we have before, and will do again. We gather from near and far, virtually and in person, through the power of your Spirit.

**We gather together because you welcome all that we have been, all that we are,
and all that we will be. You welcome us.**

You provide all that we need for the journey of being your church in your world.

Remind us that you want only what is good for us.

We pray for the courage and strength of heart to walk in faith together as your church, trusting in where you are leading us, just as our ancestors of faith trusted in you...

(A time of silent prayer)

Gracious God, we give thanks that you have blessed the Northlea United Church community of faith with 75 years of being the body of Christ in this Northlea neighbourhood.

**May we continue to answer your call to ministry and mission that reflect the light
of Christ's life as we are held in your constant love today and all our days. Amen.**

Anniversary Messages

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kerri Hagerman

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.

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Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-2, 18-21

Rev. Kerri Hagerman

Gospel: John 21:1-14

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: We Thank You, Lord

Words & Music by David Angerman, and Joseph M. Martin

Reflection: Do We Believe It?

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry

❖ **Responding** ❖

Hymn: Bless Now, O God, the Journey – *(from Voices United 633, sung to the tune of AURELIA 331)*



1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2. Bless so - jour - ners and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way,
3. Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.



The trail is found in de - sert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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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

Gracious God, for 75 years this Northlea faith family has followed your call to be your presence in the world.

Thank you for all your blessings over these many years.

We thank you for our calling to be a blessing, offering our commitment and giving of ourselves to the ministry and mission that you call us to as Northlea United Church.

Thank you, O God, for your Holy Spirit, who continues to blow among us and through us, inspiring us to take on your work in the world.

May we continue to dream your dream, that your love, justice, and grace might be known and experienced among us and through us. Amen.

(Sheryl Spencer, Mt. Forest P.C. on gatheringworship.ca, alt.)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Barbara White

Lord's Prayer:

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**Creator God, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

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Closing Hymn: Go Make a Diff'ence

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Sending Forth

Presiding Ministers

We entered worship, aware of the light of God that shines through the life of Jesus the Christ.

And now we depart, carrying that light of truth into the world, to share and to inspire.

May we go joyfully into God's world,

for God has celebrated with us over these seventy-five years.

May we go compassionately into God's world,

for we have been taught by Jesus who stands with those who suffer.

May we go with justice into God's world,

for the Holy Spirit will work through us for the good of all.

May we go eagerly into God's world,

for we can make a difference in the world.

May we go in peace, confident that God goes with us.

Thanks be to God!

*(Inspired by a commissioning by the Rev. Bill Steadman on gatheringworship.ca
and a commissioning by an unknown author.)*

Sung Blessing: May the Blessing of God – (from Voices United 429)



May the bless - ing of God be up - on you. May God's love light all your way.



May the grace of Christ en - fold you and peace a - round you stay.



May the Spir - it of God dwell with - in you. May you live in joy each day.

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Amen:

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd



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



_____ a - - men. A - - men. A - - men. _____



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

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Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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



Our Guest Speaker today is the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry

Jennifer Henry currently serves as Executive Minister for Organizational Development and Strategy at The United Church of Canada, leading staff teams dedicated to planning, growth, communications, research and Ministries in French. For almost 30 years, she was a social justice advocate on behalf of Canadian churches, including as Executive Director of KAIROS. Jennifer holds a Master of Social Work and of Theological Studies from the University of Toronto, a Diploma of Denominational Studies from Vancouver School of Theology, and an Honorary Doctor of Christian Letters from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. Jennifer was ordained in The United Church of Canada in 2023.

**Thank you to all those who participated in our
75th Anniversary worship service.
We also are grateful to the members of the
Anniversary Planning Circle
for their hard work in making this day a
very special time of celebration.**

Beyond Easter:

TODAY: YOU ARE INVITED! We celebrate our 75th Anniversary!

**Be sure to stay for the group photo in the Sanctuary after worship
and then enjoy the Celebratory Garden Party – outside if weather permits.**

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.

