



Northlea United Church  
**In the community. For the community.**  
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## **June 22, 2025**

# **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

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:**

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

Diana Bennett - 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](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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# **PRIDE AT NORTHLEA**

**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**10:30 am**

**CELEBRATE PRIDE  
THROUGH WORSHIP!**

**11:30 am**

**IMPORTANT  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**We need your vote!**

**The Search Team will present  
their candidate to call as Minister  
to Northlea United**



# Northlea United Church

## Sunday, June 22, 2025

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

We are a people of hope, gathered together in the name of Jesus Christ the light of the world and our hope of new life.

*(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

**The light of Christ shines in us and the hope of Christ sustains us.**

### 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:** This Ancient Love – (Long before the Night) – *(from VU 282)*

### Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks to our Creator God, for the Creator is always with us.

**God is with us in the call of a loon and in the flight of an eagle.**

Our Creator is with us in the changing of the seasons; in our endings and our beginnings.

**God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.**

Our Creator is with us in our giftedness, in our search for new understandings of ourselves, leading us to discern new visions of our communities.

**God is with us. Let us worship God!**

*(From "The Dancing Sun, Volume VIII," alt.)*

**Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Voices United 333**

## **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:**

Let us pray.

Loving God of creation,

Singing Spirit of celebration,

Living Christ of revelation:

we call to you this day, seeking your presence in our midst,

opening our hearts to discern the ways you will move us.

**Loving God, Risen Christ, Life-Giving Spirit, we lift our prayers to you...**

*(A time of silent prayer...)*

Today, O God, we ask that you lift us on the wings of your love,

bless us in our endings and our beginnings,

and inspire us to follow where you will lead us,

in service to one another and to all the world.

**We thank you, O God, for the blessing of journeying together in ministry and the promise that your love surrounds each of us as you guide us to new possibility and new life.**

**Amen.**

### **❖ A Sanctuary Moment: Beginnings and Endings ❖**

*“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven....*

*I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it...”*

*(Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 14)*

## **Welcoming a New Member**

Presentation of the Candidate: Donna Rutz, Secretary of the NUC Council

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God’s presence and follow the way of Jesus. It is with great joy that I present Alison Latimer for membership in Northlea United Church through a transfer of membership from the former Westminster United Church.

### **Commitment of New Member**

Alison, will you join with the people of the Northlea community of faith to celebrate God’s presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

## **Congregational Commitment**

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to Alison our support and care.

**Alison, as the body of Christ that is Northlea United Church,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.**

**We pledge to you our love and our support.**

**With God's help, we will live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Alison, may you continue to let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

**Amen.**

## **A Time of Goodbye**

We are always starting over. We are always beginning again.

Something within us or about us changes: it is time to be moving on.

Change is seldom easy; a friendship, a favourite spot, a familiar lifestyle slips away, and nothing is the same.

**May God grace all of our turning points with patience and peace.**

*(M.T. Winter)*

Friends, over the past ten months I have been journeying with this wonderful Northlea United Church community of faith in covenanted ministry. Our time of ministry together has now come to an end. Will you, the Northlea faith family, release me from the duties and responsibilities of covenanted ministry with you, respect our new relationship that now begins, and pray for me as I retire and seek to follow where Christ now leads me?

**We will, with God's help.**

I thank all of you for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among and with you. I now release the Northlea community of faith from our covenanted ministry, respecting the new relationship that now begins, and I offer to you my encouragement and prayers as you follow Christ into the hope and possibility of new ministry.

Let us pray.

In your great love, O God, you have blessed the many ministries of the Northlea United Church faith family. We thank you for the past ten months of ministry together and we ask for your blessings of cherished memories, faithful support, and strong love as it ends. Help us all to move forward to new ministries and new life with your grace.

**As disciples of the risen Christ, may we all continue to be channels of your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Offering Symbols of Ministry Together**

❖ Listening ❖

**Hymn: Open Our Hearts** (*sung 3 times*)

**More Voices 21**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Diana Bennett

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word,  
our hearts to love your word,  
and our lives to be obedient to your word,  
through the power of your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Flora Litt and Wayne Irwin, VU 502)

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 18-19

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** The Gift of Love – (*based on 1 Corinthians 13*) American Folk tune, arr. by Hal Hopson

**Reflection: Love With a Dollop of Mustard**

❖ Responding ❖

**Hymn: Spirit Open My Heart**

**More Voices 79**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn: There is Room for All**

**More Voices 62**

**Offering Prayer**

Gracious God,  
we bring you a small measure of what you have given us,  
and pray that, like the scattered mustard seed,  
our offering will yield the generous bounty of your love  
as witness to your living presence in the world. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

[A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter, VU 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: I Am a Child of God**

**More Voices 157** (verses 1-5, then vs. 1 once more)

**Sending Forth and Blessing:**

**We Go Out Singing: We Shall Go Out with Joy – (from VU 884)**

We shall go out with joy\_\_\_\_\_ and be led forth with peace;—  
 the moun - tains and the hills will break forth be - fore us; there'll be shouts of joy,  
 — and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!  
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the  
 field will clap their hands,\_\_\_\_\_ the trees of the field will  
 clap their hands\_\_\_\_\_ while we go out with joy.\_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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



## Summer at Northlea United...

**Sunday, June 29, 2025:**

- 10:30 am – PRIDE Worship with Rev. Rob Smith
- **11:30 am – Congregation Meeting to call a new minister – we need your vote!**  
**If you are attending online, please be sure to register through the link sent in the special Newsbites or through the office. For online attendance you MUST register to receive the proper link to attend.**

The office will be closed Tuesday, July 1, 2025 for Canada Day and from Friday, July 4, 2025 to Sunday, August 10, 2025 inclusive for vacation. The office will reopen on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 11:00 am.

**Sundays, July 6, 13, 20, 2025** – 10:30 am - Northlea congregation is invited to join Leaside Presbyterian, 670 Eglinton Ave E. If you prefer to attend online, please contact the Northlea Office before July 4th.

**Sundays, July 27, August 3, 10, 2025** – 10:30 am – Northlea congregation is invited to join Leaside United, 822 Millwood Rd. If you prefer to attend online, please contact their office.

**10:30 am – Summer Worship at Northlea United:**

- Sunday, August 17, 2025
- Sunday, August 24, 2025
- Sunday, August 31, 2025

# **SUMMER WORSHIP**

You can ALWAYS view Northlea United Worship  
online on YouTube or through our website:

**northleaunited.ca**

## **You are invited:**

To attend Leaside Presbyterian Worship on Sundays at 10:30 am:

July 6, 2025

July 13, 2025

July 20, 2025

670 Eglinton Ave E.

To attend Leaside United Worship on Sundays at 10:30 am:

July 27, 2025

August 3, 2025

August 10, 2025

822 Millwood Rd.

Check the Bulletin or Newsbites for online options.

## **WE ARE BACK AT NORTHLEA UNITED**

### **SUNDAYS AT 10:30 am:**

**August 17, 2025**

**August 24, 2025**

**August 31, 2025**

