



Northlea United Church  
**In the community. For the community.**  
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**June 29, 2025**  
**Pride Sunday**  
**Third 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. Rob Smith – Presiding

Lay Worship & Affirm Circles

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

Jesse Bigelow - Reader

**Music Director:** David Jafelice [david@northleaunited.ca](mailto:david@northleaunited.ca)

**Office Administrator:** Tricia Reid [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)

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**Congregational & Community Outreach Coordinator:** Jo Dullard [jo@northleaunited.ca](mailto:jo@northleaunited.ca)

**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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**TODAY  
PRIDE IN WORSHIP.  
AND THEN REMEMBER TO STAY  
FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE!**



# **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 29, 2025**

**We welcome Rev. Robert Smith as our guest minister today.**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We light this candle to remind us of Christ—  
the Light who shines through every spectrum, who walks with the excluded,  
loves without condition, and calls us to do the same.

*(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

**Christ's light shines in every colour of the rainbow, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

**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:** Queerly Beloved

Words and music by Amanda Udis-Kessler

**Call to Worship:**

Come as you are—queer, questioning, straight, trans, non-binary,  
all beautifully made in the image of God.

**We gather to worship the One whose love includes everyone.**

Jesus welcomed the outcast and broke down walls of exclusion.

**We follow his way of radical love and justice.**

The Spirit moves among us, stirring joy, courage, and pride.

**Thanks be to God—let us worship with open hearts and bold celebration!**

## Opening Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide – (from MV 145)



Draw the cir - cle wide. Draw it wid - er still. Let this be our song, no one stands a -



- lone, stand - ing side by side, draw the cir - cle wide. \_\_\_\_\_ wide.



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre - a - tion turns;
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass great and small;
3. Let the dreams we dream be lar - ger, than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore;



noth - ing lost, but held for - e - ver, in God's grac - ious arms. \_\_\_\_\_  
let our lov - ing know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call. \_\_\_\_\_  
let the dream of Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Gift of Peace

Diana Bennett

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

## Opening Prayer:

Creator God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works.

**You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. Amen.**

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## ❖ Listening ❖

## Prayer for Illumination:

Jesse Bigelow

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: Philippians 1:3-11

This is the Word of God, for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: The Dance Isn't Over Yet

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry – (*from VU 644*)



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
3. When you heard the won - der of the word, I was there to cheer you on;
5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life; not too old, no long - er young.
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
4. If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one;
6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wear - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell. (*Vs. 3*)  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun. (*Vs. 5*)  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. (*Vs. 7*)

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offering Hymn: There is Room for All – (from MV 62)

There is room for all\_ in the sha - dow of God's wing; there is room for all,  
shel - tered in\_ God's love. And I re - joice and sing, "My re - fuge and my  
rock, in whom I trust." There is room for all,\_\_\_\_\_ there is room for all!\_\_\_\_\_

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## Offering Prayer

**Life-giving Spirit, may these gifts that we offer bring the Spirit of Life to those in need. May we be inspired to give of ourselves, speaking the language of God's love to all whom we encounter. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer:

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**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.**

### Closing Hymn: God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways

Edward Moran (see next page)

## Sending Forth and Blessing

### Amen:

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd (see next page)

# Closing Hymn: God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways

Edward Moran



1. God loves us in mys - ter - ious ways be - yond all sin and shame;
2. More light and truth have yet to break from God's e - ter - nal Word;
3. We take a chance on God, and fall to high - er depths of love;
4. Bind up the wounds of shun and stray for prod - i - gals new found
5. "Come forth!" from deep con - fin - ing tombs of gen - der, class, and race
6. A place where friends are swell and true and lives and loves in - creased;



rich bless - ings for our wea - ry days as love dare speaks its name.  
sure heart - ed and with hope we take new leaps of faith un - blurred.  
in faith and flesh we heed God's call to o - pen doors a - bove.  
and set us on our home - ward way un - bul - lied and un - bound.  
en - gen - dered here: wide o - pen rooms that of - fer pride of place.  
till all who come are wel - comed to the Lamb's own mar - riage feast.

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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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### **Rev. Robert Smith Biography**



Rev. Rob Smith currently serves Canadian Shield and Shining Waters Regional Councils as a Pastoral Relations Minister. Prior to joining the Regional Council, Rob served churches in Thunder Bay and in central British Columbia. He was ordained by the BC Conference of The United Church of Canada in 2007 after completing his studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. In his life before becoming a United Church minister, Rob was a child protection social worker in British Columbia and worked in retail management. He also studied in California and served with the United Methodist Church.

Recently, Rob moved from Thunder Bay to Vineland in Southern Ontario where he grew up. He is enjoying being reunited with friends from high school and getting reacquainted with his hometown after being gone for over 40 years. Rob also enjoys reading a good murder mystery, practicing yoga and hiking along the Bruce Trail. He shares his home with an 18-year-old cat named Yoda.

## Summer at Northlea United...

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. During this time, voicemail and email will be monitored regularly and inquiries – urgent and those regarding emergency Pastoral Care, will be forwarded to the appropriate respondent.

**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 their office.

**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
  - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- Sunday, August 24, 2025
  - Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
- Sunday, August 31, 2025
  - Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Ongoing Activities:

**Wednesdays:** 7:30 pm – For the Love of Singing Community Choir will resume September 24, 2025 for 10 weeks. Registration will be available at the beginning of September.

### **Thursdays:**

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle will resume September 11, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice will resume September 4, 2025

## **Summer Readings**

From *The Gathering*

July 6: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 20: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19;

August 3: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 10: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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

# SUMMER WORSHIP

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

[northleaunited.ca](http://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

