



Northlea United Church

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Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Communion

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. 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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Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Liz Mackenzie & Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom – Co-Presiding
David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

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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, June 8, 2025**

Today we welcome back Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom as Co-President.

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's light is present with us and in us as we worship.

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: A Song Must Rise *(from MV 142)*

Music & Lyrics by Paul B. Svensen. Arr. Bryn Nixon

Call to Worship:

(adapted from P.Fayter, in Worship For All Seasons II – Year B, 220.)

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
gathering us in love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
**calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.**

Let us worship our God in spirit and in truth.

Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives

More Voices 6

Ostinato Refrain



Ho - ly___ Spir - it,___ come in - to our lives._____



Ho - ly___ Spir - it,___ make us tru - ly wise._____

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Verses 1 & 2 based on Isaiah 11:2. Verses 3-6 based on the Pentecost Sequence.

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:

(Bob Root, in Gathering: Pentecost 1 2021, 44, alt. Used with permission.)

Holy One, in you there is a welcome that is deep, wide, and rich with room for all.

You join us together in your love.

You feed us with teachings of kindness, love, respect, and justice.

You heal us and make us whole.

As we gather today, we give thanks for your gifts of welcome, love, and grace...

(A time of silent prayer.)

Holy One, bless us in this time together,

and then send us out to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

A Litany of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Responsive Psalm: “The Sacred Pines”

As the trees lift their limbs toward heaven, we raise our faces to the great mystery.

Lone pines become a mighty forest when we gather to praise you, God.

As dew drops cling to the leaves and sparkle in the morning sun,
our worship reflects bright glimpses of your glory.

**We will sing your song like the birds in the branches;
as persistently as the wind among the pines, we will praise you.**

You give us constant cause for joy;

we see your creation, and happiness dances like sunshine after a shower.

Your people are not shrinking violets;

they stand tall like the sacred pines.

Their roots reach deep into the rich soil of your history;

they absorb your being in the air they breathe.

Though they have stood for years, still they hold their heads high.

Their lives reveal God’s uprightness.

God is not a reed, bending to every wind and whim;
**God is as reliable as the rocks that form our mountains,
and as satisfying as a running stream in the forests.**

*(A paraphrase of Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15 in Everyday Psalms by James Taylor, 109.)
(James Taylor begins with: "At Oka, in 1991, the [Indigenous People]
considered a grove of pines sacred; the white people did not.")*

Words of Dedication and Unveiling of the Plaque

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Alison Latimer

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: Acts 2:1-21

(Common English Bible)

Gospel: John 14:15-17

(Common English Bible)

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: The Day of Pentecost

William Bradley Roberts

Reflection: A Fierce Howling Wind

❖ Responding ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Filled With The Spirit’s Power – (vs. 3 from VU 194)

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
with your compassion and all the human race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ’s, and Christian prove.**

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.**

❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: We Are All Parts of One Body

Bob Hurd

Refrain



We are all parts of one bod - y; one yet man - y are we, need - ing each oth - er's dif -



- f'ren - ces_ to make the bod - y com - plete. - plete.

Verses



1. There are man - y dif - f'rent gifts, but the same _____ Spir - it; _____
2. When a sin - gle per - son suf - fers, then all _____ suf - fer; _____
3. May the Spir - it gath - er us_ in a true_ com - mun - ion; _____
4. We who share the Bread_ of Life_ and the word_ of jus - tice _____



and dif - f'rent min - is - tries, but the same _____ Lord._
 when she is hon - ored and loved, then_ all _____ share her joy._
 one bread, one bod - y we share, one_ call _____ to serve._
 are blessed and sent _____ forth to pre - pare _____ the way._

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God is with us.

We are not alone.

Christ is present here.

The Spirit is among us.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God of wind and fire,
 your Spirit renews the face of the earth
 and warms the hearts of your people.

We give you thanks for your gifts of Pentecostal power:
 tongues that utter prophetic words of truth and justice;
 flames that kindle new visions of compassion and peace;
 fresh breezes that blow down the walls
 which separate us from you and one another.

And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue
on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Kingsfold)

More Voices 203

**O Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

We remember that vision of God's love shown to us in Jesus at table:

He shared food with followers and friends,

with saints and sinners,

with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

He promised that the Spirit of truth would come after he had left them,
to guide them in all truth.

Then he took a loaf of bread and, after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took a cup and, after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me.

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In wind and fire, Jesus lives among us.

Memorial Acclamation (Kingsfold)

More Voices 204

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Holy God, pour out your Spirit of Truth on us.

Guide us in all truth so that we may know that we are yours in Christ,

and that in word and deed, we may be your winds of change

that bring your love, peace, and justice in the world.

Great Amen (Kingsfold)

More Voices 205

Amen, amen, O Holy One!

Hosanna and amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One,

Hosanna and amen!

And as Jesus prayed to you, O God, so now we pray,

(Voices United p. 914)

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.

(The bread is broken.)

The bread that we break

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

(The cup is filled.)

The cup for which we give thanks

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion:

Spirit of Truth and Spirit of Life, we thank you for feeding us at this table.

**We are grateful for Jesus' promise that we are not alone – the Companion will be
with us always.**

Grant that what we have received may find a home deep in our hearts.

May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;

we, who have received Christ's love, be advocates of this love in the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen, see page 10

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into a world that is craving healing and wholeness.

We praise God, whose power is working within us and through us.

Let us go forth surrounded by the love of the Spirit, our Companion, who inspires in us the
ability to do more than we can ever imagine.

**We go now as Christ's body, living into his call to build up God's reign of justice, peace,
grace, and reconciliation for all God's people and creation.**

*(Adapted from a commissioning by Rosemary Godin, First U.C., Trenton, N.S., 2024,
from GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.)*

Blessing

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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Postlude

Music List

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Closing Hymn: Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice, _____ Send down the rains of your
 love; _____ Come, send down the Spir - it breathe life in your peo - ple and
 we shall be peo - ple of God. _____ **2**

Verses

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, _____ teach us the
 2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, _____ teach us the
 3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, _____ teach us the
 4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom _____ Give us the
 song of your love; _____ Give us hearts that sing, give us
 way of your peace; _____ Give us hearts that feel, give us
 fire of your truth; _____ Give us right - eous souls, 'till your
 pres - ence of Christ; _____ May your ho - ly light Keep us
 deeds that ring, make us ring with the song of your love. _____
 hands that heal, make us walk in the way of your peace. _____
 jus - tice rolls, make us burn with the fire of your truth. _____
 shin - ing bright, Ev - er shine with the pres - ence of Christ. _____

D.C.

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Summer at Northlea United...

TODAY:

- 11:30 am – a dedication to Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom for her work on the National Healing Forest.
- 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. To celebrate – from 2:00 -3:00 pm – Lois Scott and Rev. Janet Smith Zenwirt will be sitting at a table at the sidewalk in front of the church to invite the community to come and talk without judgement or advice.

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

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 11:30 am.

Sundays, July 6, 13, 20, 2025 – 10:30 am - Northlea congregation is invited to join Leaside Presbyterian, 670 Eglinton Ave E. Please contact their office if you prefer to attend online.

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

10:30 am – Summer Worship at Northlea United – with Rev. Warren McDougall:

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

Ongoing Activities:

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – will break for the summer after June 19, 2025 and will meet again, starting September 11, 2025

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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