



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett – 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

Anne Saunders - 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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** indicates where the congregation is to stand.*

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

We light the Christ candle, sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.

Karen MacNeill, Whycomagh-East Lake Ainslie P.C., Whycomagh, N.S

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: Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?

Negro Spiritual

Arr. Salone T. Clary 1939–2021

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

Holy God, you know us as we are. You know that each one of us comes with things to celebrate and gloomy thoughts that cloud our perspective. You reach out to us in this time of worship, that our perspective may be cleared and refocused.

You reach out to us and invite us to experience the healing and the joy of your company. Let us be transformed by your actions and your presence. Amen.

Ryan McNally, St. Mark's U.C., Cannifton, Ont (for Luke 19:1–10)

***The Gift of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us exchange words and gestures of peace

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

***Opening Hymn: O Worship the King**

Voices United 235

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Anne Saunders

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture: Exodus 32:7–14

Psalm: 51 responsive

Voices United 776, Refrain 1

Gospel: Luke 15:1–10

This is the Word of God, for the People of God!
Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Great God and God of Our Salvation

Words & Music by Carl F. Mueller 1892-1982

Reflection: Traveling Along

***Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go**

Voices United 639

❖ **Responding** ❖


Offering Prayer:

(On page two of the bulletin, or on our website, you will discover the various ways that you can donate to Northlea. When we gather in-person, we have a plate at the entrance where people can place their donations. At this time, we publicly acknowledge and bless the many gifts that are generously shared in and for this community).

Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your work of Creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for your use, that they may reveal to others the depth of your love for all people and for Creation itself. Amen.

Karen MacNeill, Whycomagh-East Lake Ainslie P.C., Whycomagh, N.S

Offering Hymn: I Thank You, O My God – (TLUS 43)



I thank you, O my God, I thank you, O my God, I love you ev - 'ry day,
7 I claim you ev - 'ry way. I give my life to you, O great, ho - ly God, I give to you my
12 all; my heart and my soul. It is not hard to do, to give you ev - 'ry thing, all pre - cious stones or
16 gold; to you my heart will sing. The on - ly prayer I know that you, God, will ac -
19 claim: from deep with - in my heart I sing praise to your name! For you are all I
22 need, and this my on - ly task. Yes, this is all I ask.

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Prayers of the People:

Prayer response

We pray for peace and trust in the midst of questions and uncertainty.

God of love, receive our prayers and surround us in loving strength.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Voices United 642

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Let us go from here to seek;
may what is lost be found.
Let us go to proclaim the Good News;
let us rejoice and be glad,
for in the power of God's love,
what is lost will be found.
When we are lost, we will be found.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask

*Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er,
a - - men. *rit. poco a poco al fine* A - - men. A - - men.
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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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

Autumn is around the corner at Northlea United...

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara; we begin a new season of Taizé at Northlea and all are welcome to share an alternative service of music and meditative connection in the middle of your busy week. Additional dates: October 21 and November 18.

Clothing Drive Drop Off for Flemingdon Park: gently used or new clothes for all ages

- **Thursday, September 18, 2025** – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Saturday, September 20, 2025** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – For the Love of Singing Community Choir begins for 10 weeks just \$75/person. Come to Northlea for fun and singing and bring a friend. The music is secular pulling from musicals and folk/pop and there's no performance at the end. Let the office know if you are planning to come. Cheque or cash can be brought to the first session.

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 10:00 am – Noon – Cook A Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

Sunday, September 28, 2025:

- 10:30 am – Worship – Orange Shirt Sunday
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Bar B Que

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 – 10:30 am – weekly – Zoom Bible Study – contact Bronwyn to receive the meeting link.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – World Communion Sunday - 10:30 am – Worship & Communion

Monday, October 6, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Trustee Meeting and Group Photo

Sunday, October 12, 2025 – Thanksgiving Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship

Monday, October 13, 2025 – Thanksgiving – the office will be closed for the holiday

Ongoing Activities:

- **Tuesdays:** Bible Study on Zoom – 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Begins September 30th. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link bronwyn@northleaunited.ca.
- **Wednesdays:** For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – Begins September 24 and continues until November 26, 2025 - \$75/person.
- **Thursdays:**
 - 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle
 - 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

Taizé



an evening of reflection & meditation.

With Marc McNamara
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
7:30—8:15 pm

Looking for an oasis of
prayer, meditation & music in your busy life?

Come to Northlea for Taizé in the Sanctuary



For the Love of Singing

Is back **Wednesdays**
from **7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Starting September 24, 2025

Sign up today for 10 weeks of
singing just for the fun of it!

Email office@northleaunited.ca to sign up today!

Just \$75/person.
Bring a friend!

You don't have to know how.
You don't have to be perfect.
AND there's no concert.
Just singing for the joy of it!

Northlea United Church's

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



For Flemington Park Clothing Bank
Drop Off Gently Used Clothes

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