



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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September 28, 2025

Sixteenth 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

June Cavers - 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 and Announcements

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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Sung Response: O Great Spirit – (Voices United 239)

O _____ Great Spi - rit, _____

1. how _____ I long to
2. how _____ I long to

hear your name. _____
touch your hands. _____

How _____ I long to see your face. _____

A way hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho. _____

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Choir Introit: Be Still and Know – (More Voices 77)

***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: Spirit Open My Heart (**

More Voices 79)

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

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.

Psalm: Psalm 91 *(congregation sings the refrain) (*

Voices United 808)

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

June Cavers

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Offertory – (Micah 6:6-8)

John Ness Beck

Sermon

***Hymn: We Are One (**

Voices United 402)

❖ **Responding** ❖

Offering Prayer:

In the bulletin and on our website, you will discover the various ways that you can give. When we gather in-person, we have a plate at the entrance where people can place their donations. At this time, that plate will be brought forward and blessed, acknowledging the many and varied gifts that are generously shared in and for this community all week long.

Offering Hymn: I Thank You, O My God – (Then Let Us Sing 43)

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "I thank you, O my God, I thank you, O my God, I love you ev - 'ry day, I claim you ev - 'ry way. I give my life to you, O great, ho - ly God, I give to you my all; my heart and my soul. It is not hard to do, to give you ev - 'ry thing, all pre - cious stones or gold; to you my heart will sing. The on - ly prayer I know that you, God, will ac - claim: from deep with - in my heart I sing praise to your name! For you are all I need, and this my on - ly task. Yes, this is all I ask."

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Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art 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: For Everyone Born – (TLUS 23)

Singing vs 1, 3 & 4

Verses



1. For ev' - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev' - ry - one born, clean
 3. For those we ne - glect, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a
 4. For all who have breath, a place at the ta - ble, a cov - e - nant shared, a



wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 wel - com - ing space, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,



for ev' - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for those we ne - glect, the right to be - long,
 for all who have breath, the chal - ice of grace,

Refrain



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice



and joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



- a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

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*Blessing and Sending Forth

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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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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

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.

Wednesdays:

- Chair Exercise – 11:00 am – starting October 15 until November 26 (no class November 12)
- For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – Continues until November 26, 2025 - \$75/person – there is still time to register and participate!

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

Autumn at Northlea United...

Tonight - 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.

Thursday, October 2, 2025 - The office will be closed as Tricia attends an appointment. She will be checking voicemail and email all day.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – World Communion Sunday - 10:30 am – Worship & Communion & Pet Blessing (please bring a picture of your animal for a blessing); Souper Sunday – Soup for lunch.

Monday, October 6, 2025:

- 10:00 am – How Sweet it is – Coffee & Community Conversation
- 7:30 pm – Trustee Meeting and Group Photo

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

Monday & Tuesday, October 13 & 14, 2025 – Thanksgiving – the office will be closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, October 15, 2025:

- 11:00 am – Chair Exercise is back for 6 weeks! (No class on Nov. 12, class extended to Nov. 26) – Let the office know if you plan to attend. You can join any time.
- 12:00 noon – Ministry & Personnel Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2025 - World Food Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship

Monday & Tuesday, October 20 & 21, 2025 – the office will be closed while Tricia attends a conference. Tricia will be checking voicemail and email while away.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 7:30 pm - Taizé

Food Drive for Thorncliffe Park with drop off sites at Northlea United, Leaside United, St Augustine of Canterbury:

- Saturday, October 25, 2025 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Sunday, October 26, 2025 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Northlea – you don't have to wait! You can bring dry and canned goods to every Sunday morning worship service in October and just put them in the bins provided.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 6:00 pm – Congregational Pot Luck