

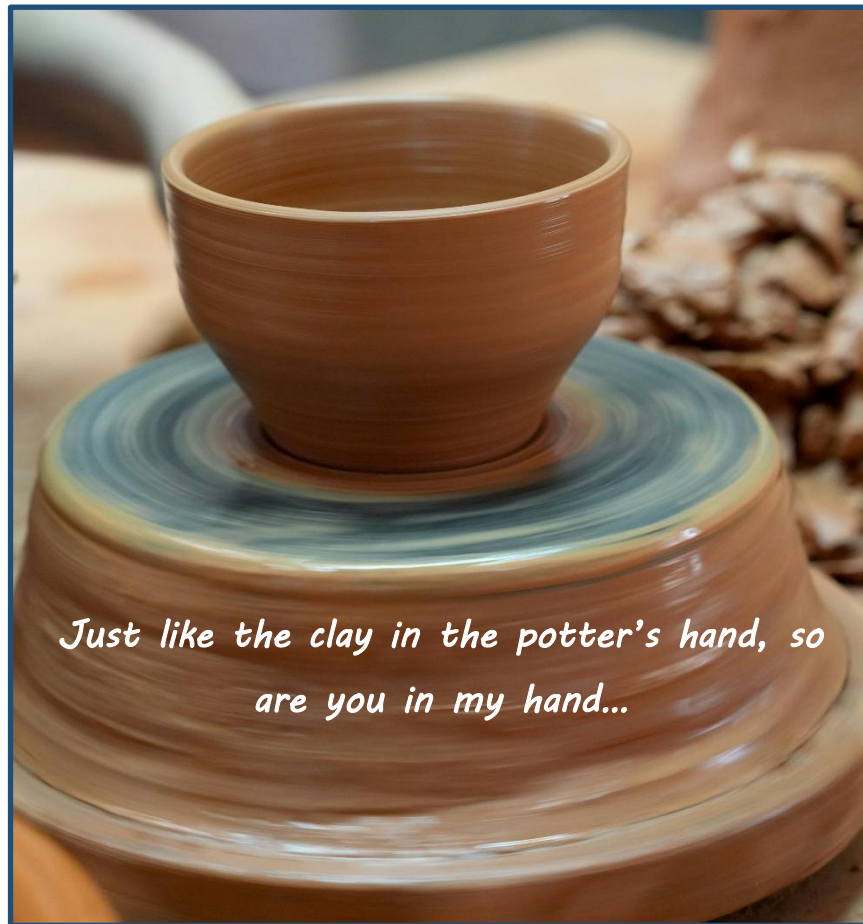


Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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*Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so  
are you in my hand...*

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**September 7, 2025**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**

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](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. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Joshua Clemenger – Song Leader

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

Roger Touw - 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)**

\*\* Unless otherwise indicated: Prayers (various) are taken from “The United Church of Canada – Gathering - resources for worship planners Pentecost 2 Year C Worship, Music, and Spirituality ISSN-0823-1869 1.9 M 05/25 2025CRT91 CH11210

**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

*\* indicates where the congregation is to stand.*

**Today we welcome our new minister – Rev. Bronwyn Corlett.**

**Prelude**

**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.**

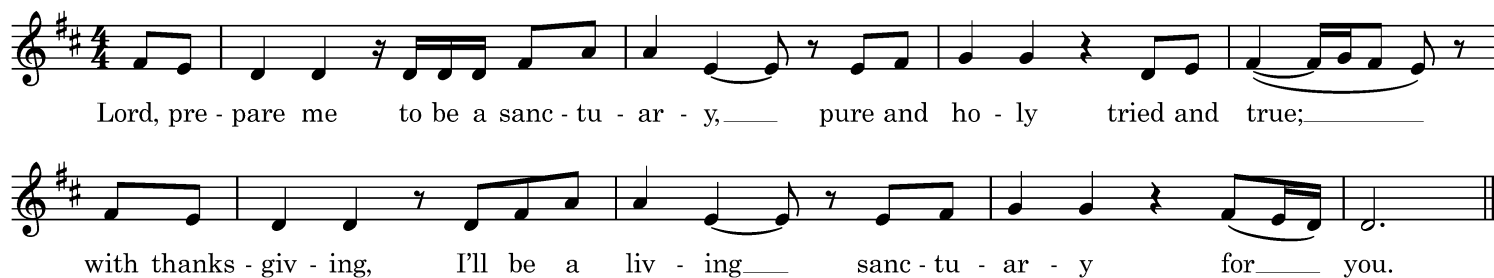
**Acknowledgement of the Land**

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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: Lord Prepare Me – (MV 18)**



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly tried and true;

with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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**\*Call to Worship:**

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

**Thanks be to God.**

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**Thanks be to God.**

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

*from Celebrate God's Presence 21F001*

**Opening Prayer:**

We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship.

You welcome young and old, all seeking peace, and all brimming over with energy.

You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer, and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.

**You welcome us all, welcoming God.**

*from Celebrate God's Presence 0F002*

**\*Opening Hymn: Come and Journey with A Saviour**

**Herbert O'Driscoll**



1. Come and jour - ney with a Sav - iour who has called us from our birth,  
2. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney in - ward, come and seek him deep with - in,  
4. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney out - ward, where that cross calls us to care,  
6. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney on - ward, all our gifts we now shall bring,



who has washed us in the wa - ters, and who loved us on the earth.  
where he meets us in our liv - ing, in our striv - ing and our sin.  
where in - just - ice and where hun - ger and the poor call us to share.  
to the build - ing of a cit - y that is ho - ly, Christ its king.



Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney, with a Sav - iour who has come.



We are all God's sons and daugh - ters. In the Spir - it we are one.

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**\*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)*

❖ **Listening** ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Roger Touw

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:** Jeremiah 18:1-6

**Psalm 139:** *(VU p. 861)*

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**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Draw the Circle Wide

Words by Gordon Light. Music by Mark Miller

**Reflection:** Journeying Together

❖ **Responding** ❖

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn: Creator God, You Gave Us Life –** *(MV 27 vs 3)*

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**Offering Prayer:**

We bring our gifts to you, God.

Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts.

Accept them and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From Celebrate God's Presence OR002*

❖ **The Celebration of Holy Communion** ❖

**Invitation to Communion**

**\*Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart –** *(VU 478)*

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## Communion Prayers:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace,  
and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,

who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way, sharing joy and sorrow, healing the sick,  
feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

### ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy** – (MV 203)

O ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky a - bove bear wit - ness to your grace.

Ho - san - na in the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise.

And bles - sed is the One who comes and bears your name al - ways!

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign 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 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 with us.

**In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.**

*From Celebrate God's Presence 14D006*

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death,  
proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and  
thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**♪ Memorial Acclamation – (MV 204)**



Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!



Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and  
cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people,  
we praise you.

Help us to love as Christ loved. Knowing our weakness, may we stand with all who stumble.  
Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all  
whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God  
most holy, now and forever.

*Service taken from Celebrate God's Presence*

**♪ Great Amen – (MV 205)**



A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One! Ho - san - na and A - men!



A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly - One, Ho - san - na and A - men!

We gather these and all our prayers and lift our voices in the prayer Jesus taught:

**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, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*(The bread is broken.)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*(The cup is filled.)*

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come and be nourished at Christ's table.

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Life-giving God,  
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 agents of this love in the world. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You – (VU 232)**

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### **Sending Forth:**

Go gladly into the world. Be filled with the love of God.  
Dance to the song of the Spirit. Befriend the Christ in each new day.

### **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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Harvest Festival

Sat. Sep. 13  
12:00 - 2:00 pm



Into Fall  
at Northlea United!



Taizé

with Marc McNamara

Tues. Sep 16 - 7:30 pm  
meditative music & connection  
additional dates: Oct. 21 & Nov. 18

2 DAYS to GIVE X 2!

Clothing Drive

Thurs. Sep. 18 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Sat. Sep. 20 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Community Food Drive

Oct. 25 - 9 am - 1 pm  
Oct. 26 - 10 am - noon



10 weeks \$75/ea



For the Love of Singing  
Community Choir is back!

Wed. Sep. 24 - Nov 26. - 7:30 pm

Find us at:  
125 Brentcliffe Rd, Leaside  
[northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca) 416 425 5252

Sunday Worship

Every Sunday Morning  
10:30 am  
In-person & livestreamed



# Music List

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Psalm 139: (VU p. 861)

Refrain

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God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

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O God, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my path and the places I rest;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely.  
You guard me from behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it. R

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,  
there also your hand will be guiding me  
your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"  
even darkness is not dark to you: the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you. R

It was you who formed my inward parts;  
you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret,  
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;  
in your book my every day was recorded;  
all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be. R

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!  
I try to count them but they are more than the sand.

I come to the end – I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error  
and guide me in the everlasting way. R

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**From page 5:**

**Offering Hymn: Creator God, You Gave Us Life – (MV 27 vs 3)**

*Verse*



3. When with our hearts, our hands, our minds, we share our gifts with all the world,



Our spir - its soar be - yond the veil, to touch the ver - y face of God.

*Refrain*



Through hands that paint ma - jes - tic skies, and voic - es chant - ing mel - o - dy,



With words that reach be - yond the page, we com - pre - hend your mys - ter - y.

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\*Communion Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart – (VU 478)

REFRAIN



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;



Come give to us, O\_\_\_ sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

VERSES



1. As when the shep - herd calls the sheep, they know and heed that voice,
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude,
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence here no mor - tal tongue can tell;
5. In gra - cious love you give your - self; then self - less let us be,



1. so when you call your fam - i - ly, we fol - low and re - jice.
2. that you should count us wor - thy friends, to share this heav - 'nly food.
3. Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
4. whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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\*Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You – (VU 232)



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re - flect your rays,  
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals join the migh - ty cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you, op' - ning to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Source of grace and fount of bless - ing, let your light up - on us shine;  
E - ver sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly!  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges. Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.

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## **Autumn is around the corner at Northlea United...**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025** – 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal. Join the Northlea choir for another season of fellowship and song. After our first rehearsal we'll have a little wine and cheese! If you like to sing and can carry a tune, come and join us. And if you can read music, that's a definite plus!

**Saturday, September 13, 2025** – 12:00 – 2:00 pm – Harvest Festival with vendors and treats and fun for the whole family!

**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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Ongoing Activities:**

**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 will resume September 11, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice will resume September 11, 2025



Northlea United Church  
invites you to our

# Harvest FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
From 12 Noon to 2 p.m.

● Vendors, Music, Kids Games, Hot Dogs ●  
125 Brentcliffe Road



# 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

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# FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



For Flemingdon Park Clothing Bank  
**Drop Off Gently Used Clothes**

Thursday, Sept. 18  
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.