



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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October 26, 2025
20th 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. 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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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

Alison Latimer - 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


Northlea United Church
Sunday, October 26, 2025

** Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as they are comfortable and able.*

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle



Round ① ② ③ ④ Fine

Where two or three are ga - thered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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Acknowledgement of the Land

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**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

Choral Introit: O Lord, Increase My Faith

Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670)

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

Christ is with us.

Christ is in our midst.

We have been called the salt of the earth.

Let us remain distinctively salty.

We have been called the light of the world.

Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

We have been called a city on a hill.

Let us lift our gates, lift our hearts,

Lift our voices in the world of God.

(Compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence)

*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: Bless Now, O God the Journey – (VU 633 to tune of AURELIA)



1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2. Bless so - jour - ners and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way,
3. Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.



The trail is found in de - sert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Alison Latimer

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.

Gospel: Luke 18:9–14

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Day by Day

Music: Martin How (1931-2022)
Words: Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Sermon

***Hymn: I Am a Child of God**

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❖ **Responding** ❖

***A New Creed - (VU 918)**

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Invitation to the Offering

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

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Blessing of the Offering

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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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: Deep in Our Hearts**

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***Blessing and Sending Forth**

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

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link.

Wednesdays:

- Chair Exercise – 11:00 am - until November 26 (no class November 12)
- For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – continues until November 26, 2025

Thursdays:

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

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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

Autumn at Northlea United...

TODAY – October 26, 2025 – Last Day to place your order for Empire Cheese!

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 6:00 pm – Congregational Pot Luck – sign up in the Narthex, please indicate your dish selection.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 1, 2025 – 2:00 pm - Covenanting Service: The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett & Northlea United – With guest speaker: The Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden, Communion will be served. There will be a reception after worship and all are invited to attend. Council Photo to follow service.

Sunday, November 2, 2025 – 10:30 am – All Souls Day – Worship; **NOTE: Daylight savings ends – we fall back one hour**

Monday, November 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship meeting on Zoom – all are invited. Contact Lois Scott for link.

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – 2:00 pm – Tea & Treats with the Minister; hosted by the UCWN & Lay Care Circle – all are welcome! Please sign up with the office or on the sheet in the Narthex.

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – Remembrance Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship and reading of the Remembrance Roll.

Wednesday, November 11, 2025 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom

Winter Outer Wear Drive:

- 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Thursday, November 13, 2025
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Saturday, November 15, 2025

Monday, November 17, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Taizé

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Reign of Christ – 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren MacDougall; 11:30 am – 2026 Annual Budget Q&A session

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 – 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm – Lunch & Learn: Bomb Girls – Trading Aprons for Ammo; free will offering; register with the office – office@northleaunited.ca