



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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February 22, 2026 First Sunday in Lent

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

Nicole Leung – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jesse Bigelow - 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

Leave a Prayer / Take a Prayer

During Lent, there will be a gold bowl in the Narthex.
You are invited to write a short prayer and leave it in the bowl.

You are invited to take someone else's prayer
from the bowl to hold and pray over.

Please respect confidentiality of these prayers,
when writing them, and when praying over them.

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

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. Toronto is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

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

Choral Introit: Lenten Proclamation – *(Based on Joel 2:15-16 & 2 Corinthians 6:2)* James Chepponis

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,
to walk the Lenten road with Christ.

We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.

Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.

Renewing God, we seek the presence of your Spirit.

Be our Guide and Companion as we walk with Christ. Amen.

***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: All Who are Thirsty**

More Voices 4

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jesse Bigelow

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: On Eagle's Wings – *(Congregation please sing refrain)* Michael Joncas. Arr. Craig Kingsbury
Voices United 808

Sermon: One Does Not Live by Bread Alone **Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

❖ Responding ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Walk With Me – *(VU 649, Verse 4)*

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where
love shines through. through. 4. And when you share your faith with me and work for life made
new, the wit - ness of your faith - ful - ness calls me to walk with you.

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Blessing of the Offering

❖ Communion ❖

Communion Prayer:

Open Table

Communion Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Invitation to Communion

Even though we walk through the darkest valley,
we fear no evil,
for God is with us.

God prepares a table before us;
the oil of gladness is poured out,
our cup overflows.

**Goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our life.**

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.

Thanksgiving

Thanks and praise be to you, O God,
for you create life out of the dust,
and sustain us even in the desert.

We thank you that in the face of every temptation and trial,
every principality and power,
you are present to direct and guide,
to renew and revive.

We praise you for sending us Jesus,
to walk before us the way of the cross,
to turn us to you and to one another.

Therefore, we join your long procession of pilgrims
praising you along the way:

Holy Holy: KINGSFOLD – (MV 203-205)

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!

Remembering Jesus at Table

We do what Jesus did the night before he died.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread,
and gave it to his friends, and said,
“Take, eat; remember me.”
Then he took the cup, and said,
“Take, drink; remember.”

Prayer of Self-Giving

O God, Redeemer of all things,
with grateful thanks we offer this bread and wine,
fruits of your earth and of our labour,
signs of your redemptive purpose for our lives
and for all your creation.
By this bread and cup,
we remember Christ
and share in the mystery
of your being, your bliss, your purpose.

Christ Has Died

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!

Prayer of Transformation

Send, O God,
your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this bread and cup
may be the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world.

Prayers of the People

At this time, we also remember all those with whom you would have us share your feast.
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...

All who are ill or alone...

All who live with fear, oppression, or hunger...

All whom the world counts as least and least...

We pray for your church and its carried ministries...

For the nations as they strive for peace and justice...

For the earth, and the fragile web of life we share...

For our families and friends...

Concluding Praise

Though Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory is yours, God most holy,
Now and forever.

Amen



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Lord's Prayer

(Aramaic to English translation 1892 - rather than from Aramaic to Greek to Latin to English)

**O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration,
soften the ground of our being
and carve out a space within us where your Presence can abide.**

**Fill us with your creativity
so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.**

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire.

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share
what each being needs to grow and flourish.**

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,
 as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
 Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,
 but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.
 For you are the ground and the fruitful vision,
 the birth, power, and fulfilment,
 as all is gathered and made whole once again.
And So It Is!

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.
 Jesus Christ, the True Vine.
 The gifts of God for the people of God.
 Come, for all things are now ready.

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten,
 for the wine we have tasted,
 for the life we have received,
 we thank you God.
 Grant that what we have done
 and have been given here,
 may so put its mark on us,
 that it may remain always in our hearts.
 Grant that we may grow
 in Christian love and understanding,
 and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
 in Christ's name. Amen.

(This Communion Prayer is a compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence, 268-302).

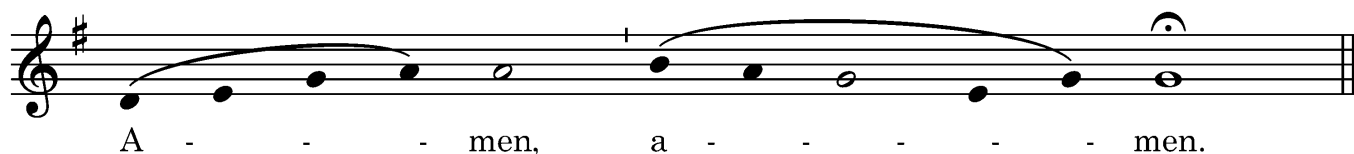
***Closing Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Night**

Voices United 114

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen: Belmont

Christopher Walker



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Postlude

Loonies for Lent is back!



Help sponsor a kid living in the Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park area, so that they can attend one of the summer day camps run by Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Organization. Pick up one of the Loonies for Lent boxes in the Narthex and put in a loonie for each day of Lent. At the end of Lent, you will have a \$40 to help a kid attend camp. Be sure to put your name and contact information on the box and put it into the offering plate on Palm Sunday and **help to send a kid to camp!**

Muffin Month

We are still working toward our goal of funding one full month for the Community Time at Leaside Presbyterian. We are more than halfway there! Just \$27 funds one person in need for a grocery card and TTC fares. Can you help?

Winter at Northlea United

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship; 11:30 am – Congregation Lunch & Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 7:30 pm – For The Love of Singing Community Choir begins again! Sign up with the office today. Bring a friend and your cheque or cash for \$75 and enjoy 10 weeks of music and mayhem!

Friday, March 6, 2026 – 2:00 pm – World Day of Prayer celebrations at Manor Road United, 240 Manor Road East. If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements.

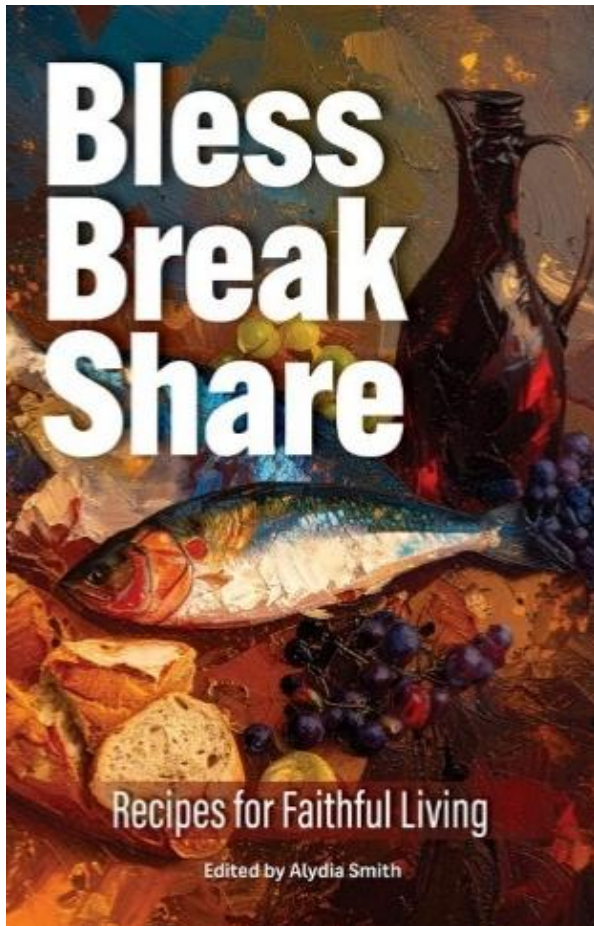
Ongoing Activities – Thursdays: 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle; 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

Minister Office hours:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett's typical work week is Sunday to Thursday; she can be found in the office or out visiting. If you would like to book a time to meet with her, please:

email bronwyn@northleaunited.ca or phone: 416 425 5252 x 2

Tuesdays in Lent



**10:30 am – 11:30 am on Zoom –
February 24 to March 31 –
Bible Study**

The North Toronto Cluster is joining us to explore The United Church of Canada's Lenten Devotional for 2026: *Bless, Break, Share*. Co-led by the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett and the Rev. Kristin Philipson of Rosedale United. To register, and for more information about the study or how to purchase the book, contact Bronwyn (bronwyn@northleaunited.ca) or the office. If you would like to join us but don't want to purchase the book, you are more than welcome!

The advertisement is a vertical poster. At the top, it says "HOT and HEARTY...and OH, SO GOOD!". Below that is a large red circular sign with the words "SOUP FOR LUNCH" in white, stylized letters. To the right of the sign is a smiling boy with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a green sweater, holding a spoon with soup. Below the sign is a yellow rectangular sign with the text "Join us every Tuesday in Lent at 12 p.m. starting February 24". At the bottom of the poster are three small images of different soups: a creamy white soup, a red tomato soup, and a green pea soup. Below these images is the text "A different flavour every week!".

12:00 noon – Soup Tuesday – February 24 to March 24, 2026 - soup will be served in the Community Room - all are welcome. If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements.



For the Love of Singing

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

Starting March 4, 2026

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!

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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



World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière 2026

"I Will Give You
Rest: Come"

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



« Je vous procurerai le
repos. Venez »

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/
Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

Friday, March 6, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Location/l'endroit

**Manor Road United Church
240 Manor Road East**

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

This year the service is prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria:
"I will give you rest: come."

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