



Northlea United Church

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

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## **February 8, 2026**

### **Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

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:**

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Tyler Smith – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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)**

**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, February 8, 2026**

*\* 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:** Let Your Little Light Shine

Pamela Warwick-Smith

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

Generous and loving God,  
We gather together to remind ourselves of your love and presence in our lives.

**Be with us.**

We gather together to celebrate your creation and splendor.

**Be with us.**

We know that we are yours, though we resist and deny it sometimes.

**Be with us.**

Be with us as we gather, that we might know your acceptance and forgiveness always.

**You are here with us. Thanks be to God.**

**\*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: I Am the Light of the World**

**Voices United 87**

❖ Listening ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Roger Touw

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:** 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-20

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual – Arr. Patrick Dupre Quigley

**Sermon:** Salt to Taste

**The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**\*Hymn:** There is Room for All

**More Voices 62**

❖ 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.  
Thanks be to God.

## Invitation to the Offering

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

Raymund Remo

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. 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: We Are Marching – (VU 646 alt.)**

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God,  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, God  
 We are march - ing, Oo, we are march - ing in the light of, God  
 We are march - ing, Oo, we are march - ing in the light of God,

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**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Amen: (VU 974)**

Jim Strathdee

A - men! A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!

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**Postlude**

**Muffin Month is back!**

**What is the Community Time Support Program?** On the third Wednesday of each month, volunteers offer coffee, tea, snacks and conversation to a small regular group of people in need. Those individuals are also given a grocery card and a TTC fare card valued at just under \$27/person. That means that \$108 funds 4 people for this program. Last year, during **Muffin Month**, we were able to raise enough to cover the costs of 1 month (30 people - \$810). **Let's see if we can do even better this year!** You can securely donate through Canada Helps or send your cheque to the office with *Muffin Month* noted in the memo line.

## Winter at Northlea United

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026** – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online.

**Sunday, February 15, 2026** – 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Warren McDougall; the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett will be on Vacation.

**Monday, February 16, 2026** – Family Day – Office Closed.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026** – Shrove Tuesday – 6:00 pm – Pancake Pot Luck; 7:00 pm – Service of Ashes; If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements. Office Closed

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026** – Northlea Discussion of Affirm Book Study on Zoom, Contact Rev. Bronwyn for the link ([bronwyn@northleaunited.ca](mailto:bronwyn@northleaunited.ca)). ***The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians*** by Donald Schmidt. You can attend even if you did not attend the Regional Book Study.

**Sunday, February 22, 2026** – First of Lent - 10:30 am – Worship and Communion with the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

**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

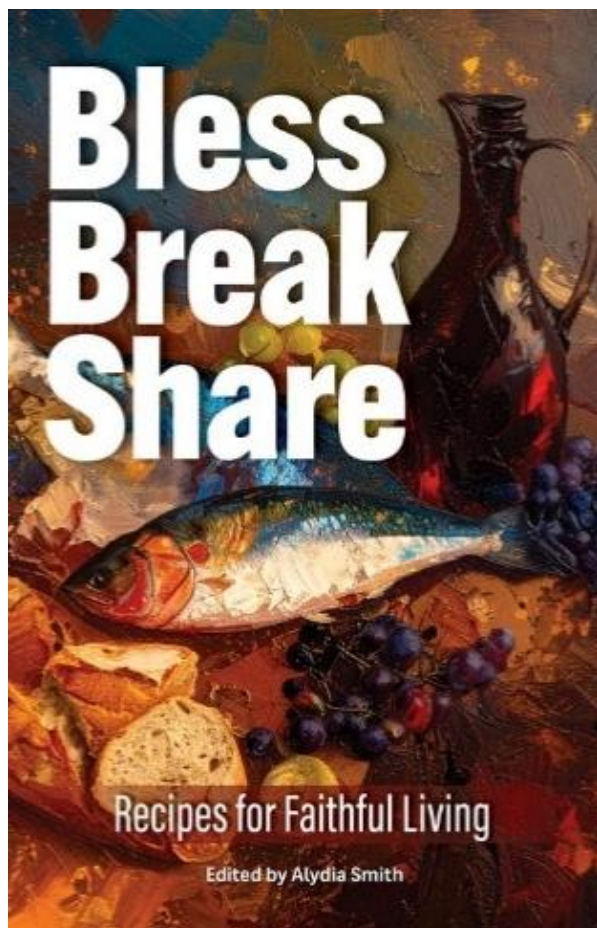
## Minister Office hours:

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](mailto:bronwyn@northleaunited.ca) or phone: 416 425 5252 x 2

Note: Bronwyn will be out of the office on Monday, February 9 & from Thursday, February 12 to Monday, February 16, 2026.

## Tuesdays in Lent – February 24 – March 24, 2026:



**10:30 am – 11:30 am on Zoom - 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](mailto: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!

### Also on Tuesdays in Lent:

**12:00 noon – Soup Tuesday** - 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.

*HOT and HEARTY...and OH, SO GOOD!*

**SOUP FOR LUNCH**

Join us every Tuesday in Lent at 12 p.m. starting February 24

A different flavour every week!

The poster features a central illustration of a young boy with a wide smile, holding a spoon with soup. To his left is a large red circular sign with the words "SOUP FOR LUNCH" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the sign is a yellow rectangular sign with black text that reads "Join us every Tuesday in Lent at 12 p.m. starting February 24". At the bottom of the poster, there are three small square images showing different types of soups: a creamy white soup, a red tomato soup, and a green pea soup. The background of the poster is a light, textured grey.

**Feb.  
17TH**

**NORTHLEA UNITED FAMILY**

# **PANCAKE POTLUCK**

**6:00 PM  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

*Service of ashes to follow in the sanctuary*



**BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

**SIGN UP ON THE CHART IN THE FOYER  
OR CALL THE OFFICE**

**416 425 5252 OR [OFFICE@NORTHLEAUNITED.CA](mailto:OFFICE@NORTHLEAUNITED.CA)**



# 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@northleauunited.ca](mailto:office@northleauunited.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!**



# 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."**

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



**Next Week's Readings**

From *Gathering*

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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