



Northlea United Church

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

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## **March 1, 2026**

### **Second 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](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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ James Sandau – Bass

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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](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, March 1, 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.**

**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.**

**Prayer: All Who Are Thirsty**

**More Voices 4**

**\*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: Led by the Spirit**

**Bob Hurd**



1. Led\_ by the Spir - it of our God, we\_ go to fast\_ and pray  
 2. Led\_ by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to face,  
 3. Led\_ by the Spir - it, now draw near the\_ wa - ters of\_ re - birth  
 4. Led\_ by the Spir - it, now sing praise to\_ God the Trin - i - ty:



With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we\_ join his pas - chal way.  
 And know full well we must re - ply on\_ God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 With hearts that long to wor - ship God in\_ spir - it and\_ in truth.  
 The\_ Source of Life, the Liv - ing Word made flesh to set\_ us free,



“Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me.”  
 On\_ bread a - lone\_ we can - not live, but\_ nour - ished by the Word.  
 “Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall ne - ver\_ thirst a - gain.”  
 The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to\_ make us\_ friends of God:



Thus says our kind and gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.  
 We\_ seek the will of\_ God to do: this is our drink and food.  
 Thus says the Lord who died for us, our\_ Sav - ior, kin\_ and friend.  
 This mys - t'ry far\_ be - yond our reach, yet\_ near in heal - ing love.

based on Joel 2:12-13; Matthew 4:1-4; Mark 1:12-15; John 4:5-42

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**❖ Listening ❖**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

June Covers

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 12:1-4a

**Gospel:** John 3:1-6, 14-17

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem: God So Loved the World**

John Goss (1800-1880)

**Sermon: God Loves the World**

**Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**Hymn: Breathe On Me, Breath of God**

**Voices United 382**

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

**see next page**

**Blessing of 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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## 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.**

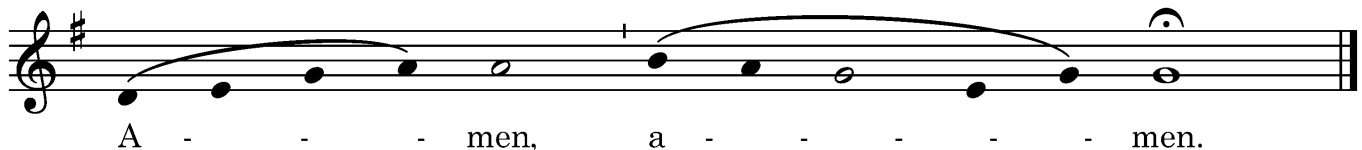
**\*Closing Hymn: O God, How We Have Wandered**

**Voices United 112**

**\*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!**



## Easter Flower Tribute begins...

You will have received in the mail your Flower Tribute envelope for those who would like to remember a loved one in the Easter Bulletin and help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Suggested donation is \$10/name. All envelopes received by Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday, will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Best efforts will be made to include names received after that date.



## Thank you Northlea!

We did it! We reached our goal to raise \$810 in Muffin Month 2026. Together, we will provide the TTC and grocery gift cards for one month's assistance to 30 participants in Leaside Presbyterian's Community Time Program. This assistance makes a difference for people struggling to make ends meet and reminds them that they are not alone.

## Winter at Northlea United

### **TODAY - 11:30 am – Congregation Lunch & Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026** – 7:30 pm – For The Love of Singing Community Choir begins again! Bring a friend and your cheque or cash for \$75/person and enjoy 10 weeks of music and fun!

**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.

**Sunday, March 8, 2026** – Third in Lent - Daylight Savings begins – 10:30 am – Worship and P.I.E. Day celebrations - Be Public, Intentional, & Explicit in your support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community!

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026** – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting

**March 15 – 22, 2026** – March Break - The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett will be away.

**Sunday, March 15, 2026** – Fourth in Lent- 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall

**Monday & Tuesday, March 16 & 17, 2026** – office closed.

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026** – 7:30 pm – Taizé is back with Marc McNamara

**Sunday, March 22, 2026** – Fifth in Lent – 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall

**Saturday, March 28, 2026** – 10:00 am – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

**Sunday, March 29, 2026** – Palm Sunday – end of Flower Tribute and Loonies for Lent – 10:30 am Worship; 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026** – 5:45 pm – Joyful Steps Line Dancing Class begins for 5 weeks until April 29 – just \$50/person! **Must Register with the office by March 27 to ensure we have enough participants to move forward!**

**Friday, April 3, 2026** – Good Friday – 10:30 am – Worship at Leaside Presbyterian – 670 Eglinton Ave E.; office closed for the holiday.

**Sunday, April 5, 2026** – Easter Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship and Communion; Flowers will be delivered to the homebound after the service. All volunteers gratefully appreciated.

**Monday, April 6, 2026** – Easter Monday – office closed for the holiday.

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026** – 11:00 am – Chair Exercise begins for 6 weeks until May 13.

**Saturday, April 11, 2026** – 10:00 am – Council Retreat

**Sunday, April 12, 2026** – 10:30 am – Holy Humour Sunday Worship

## Ongoing Activities

### Tuesdays:

- 10:30 am - Bible Study – Lenten Devotional – until March 31 on Zoom, contact Bronwyn for information. The group will break for the month of April.
- 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesdays – Soup for lunch on Tuesdays until March 24

### Wednesdays:

- Starting March 4 – 7:30 pm – For The Love of Singing Community Choir - \$75/person - until May 6
- Starting April 1 – 5:45 pm - Joyful Steps Line Dancing Class - \$50/person - until April 29
- Starting April 8 – 11:00 am – Chair Exercise – until May 13.

### Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice (and 9:30 am on Sundays)

## 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**

Bronwyn will be out of the office from and including Sunday, March 15 to Sunday, March 22, 2026. The Rev. Warren McDougall will be in the pulpit on those Sundays. The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17, 2026.

### Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca).

# Tuesdays in Lent

## 10:30 am – 11:30 am on Zoom – 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](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!

**12:00 noon – Soup Tuesday 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.



## Taizé at Northlea United



An evening of reflection & meditation



7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 17

Come for an oasis of prayer & music in your busy life!

Additional dates: April 21, May 19

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**125 Brentcliffe Road**

[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@northleaunited.ca](mailto: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!



## World Day of Prayer 2026 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 chrétiens du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada



**Register by March 27 to ensure we have the numbers to go forward!**



**Joyful Steps**

# **LINE DANCING**

**Kick up your heels this April!**

**Wednesdays starting April 1**

**Northlea United Church - 125 Brentcliffe Road**

**\$50 for 5 weeks - 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM**

**Come dance, connect, and have fun - beginners welcome!**

**To register email [jo@northleaunited.ca](mailto:jo@northleaunited.ca)**

**Registration Deadline March 27**