



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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March 22, 2026

Fifth 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. Warren McDougall – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

David Jafelice- 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, March 22, 2026**

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Warren McDougall as our Guest Minister.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In times of struggle,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In times of wonder,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In times of anxiety and worry,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In this time and place, here and now, and for all our lives,

We light this candle with the sure knowledge that

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

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:

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre where God may enter in.

We gather as God's people in this Lenten season,

hungry for holy presence, ready for God's word to us.

God of the journey, give us a sense of anticipation through this Lenten season,

that we may move with confidence and hope toward the new life of Easter.

We pray in Jesus' name, our Companion and Guide.

Let us worship God.

(adapted 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: Jerusalem My Destiny**

Rory Cooney - vs. 4 & 5

REFRAIN

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my des - ti - ny! Tho' I can - not see the
 end for me, I can - not_ turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the way; this jour - ney is our
 des - ti - ny. Let no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

VERSES

4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my_ view._____
 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was_ gone._____
 Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
 Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

David Jafelice

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God, bless even our doubts,
 our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles,
 life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.

Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers.

Amen.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-26

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: One is the Body

John L. Bell

Sermon: A Two Part Series on “Belief”
Part 2: “How We Believe”

Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn:** Deep In Our Hearts

More Voices 154

❖ 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)

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Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of the People

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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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: When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

Voices United 119

*Blessing and Sending Forth:

Let us go from this time and place empowered and empowering,
catching a glimpse of the new life that is possible.

**May the love that proceeds from the wounded heart of God sustain us on our journey,
the presence that Christ imparts grace us in our living,
and the response that the Spirit awakens within us make faithful all our acting.**

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

Amen: Belmont

Christopher Walker

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Postlude



The Rev. Warren McDougall Biography

The Rev. Warren McDougall is our guest minister today. He is a retired United Church of Canada minister, who grew up on a farm in rural mid-western Ontario. He retired 9 years ago after 40 years of ministry in 5 congregations in Alberta and Ontario, most recently at Richmond Hill United Church. Since retirement, he has filled in as supply minister in many Toronto and area congregations, including Leaside United Church and Northlea United this past summer. Early in his retirement, he spent 3 months in Iona, Scotland as a volunteer. Warren has two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Minister 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

Bronwyn will be back in the office Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

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 the confidentiality of these prayers.

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering

Ezekiel 37::1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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

Winter at Northlea United

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! Registration is full. Let the office know if you want to go on the wait list.

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

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.

Ongoing Activities

Tuesdays:

- 10:30 am - Bible Study – Lenten Devotional – until March 31 on Zoom, contact Bronwyn for information. The group will break for April and resume May 5.
- 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesdays – Soup for lunch on Tuesdays until March 24 – last one!

Wednesdays:

- 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)