



Northlea United Church

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

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## **March 8, 2026**

### **Third 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

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

Jim Hartley - 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)**

## **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.

# Northlea United Church

## Sunday, March 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.**

### Sung Opening Prayer: All Who Are Thirsty

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### \*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. 1 & 3, see page 7**

❖ Listening ❖

### Prayer for Illumination:

Jim Hartley

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.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Like a Healing Stream – *(VU 144)*

Arr. Michael Mulrooney

**Sermon:** What do you thirst for?

**The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**Hymn:** Water Flowing from the Mountains *(Living Water)*

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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.**

**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**



# Music List

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## \*Opening Hymn: Jerusalem My Destiny

Rory Cooney - Vs. 1 & 3

### 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



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with\_ lies.\_\_\_\_\_

3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your\_ life.\_\_\_\_\_



Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.

Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.

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**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 witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

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**Next Week's Readings**

*From Gathering*

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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



## 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 in to the offering plate on Palm Sunday and **help to send a kid to camp!**



## Easter Flower Tribute

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 for helping to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Flowers will be delivered to the Homebound after service on Easter Sunday. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

## 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 Sunday, March 15 to Monday, March 23, 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.

# Winter at Northlea United

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

**Saturday, March 14, 2026** – P.I.E. Day – Be Public, Intentional, & Explicit in your support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community.

**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! Register with the office by March 27.

**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. There will be a break for April. The group will resume May 5 to June 23.
- 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesdays – Soup for lunch on Tuesdays until March 24

### 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)



## 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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Be sure to register by March 27 to confirm numbers for moving 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