



Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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April 12, 2026
Holy Humour Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter

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:

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www.northleaunited.ca:

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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 ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Lois Scott – 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, April 12, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome on this Holy Humour Sunday! Holy Humour Sunday was celebrated by the early Christians. It was their tradition to share laughter and song on the Sunday after Easter. As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, let us also celebrate the time when God played a joke on death by raising Jesus from the dead! In our worship time today, you will notice several jokes and humorous stories. Enjoy!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

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

Choral Introit: Rise Up in Early Morning

Tune: Mainz Gesangbuch, 1628

Text: R.P., after St. John Damascene (ca. 754); Arr. Richard Proulx, 1988

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour.

Jesus had the last laugh on the evil one when Jesus rose from the dead.

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rev. Robert M. Thompson, Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

***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: This is the Day That God Has Made**

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❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Lois Scott

Joyful God, help us to listen for the humour, the light, and the love present in your scriptures.
Help us to experience the humour, the light, and the love present in our lives.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: That Easter Day

Latin Hymn 5th Century, Translation: John Mason Neale 1852 alt.
Arr. Burton Bumgarner

Sermon: When in Doubt... Laugh! (no joke)

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

Sermon Hymn: Oh a Song Must Rise

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***Hymn: Give to Us Laughter - sung to the tune of SLANE 642**

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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: O God Beyond All Praising – (VU 256 Vs. 3)

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Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer: (TLUS #70)



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on_ earth as it is in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give_ us our sins as_ we for - give those who sin_ a - gainst us. Save_ us from the time of trial and de - liv - er_ us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now_ and for ev - er. A - men.

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***Closing Hymn: Celtic Alleluia**

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



Al - le - - lu - - ia, al - le - - lu - - ia.
Al - le - - lu - - ia, al - le - - lu - - ia!

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***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen:

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Postlude: Alleluia Chant

Alleluia (*improvisation on the Alleluia chant*)

Victor Togni

Amen:

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

rit. poco a poco al fine

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Music List

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Offering Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising – (VU 256 Vs. 3)



3. Then, hear O gra - cious Sav-iour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your



fa - vour, our hum - ble ser - vice bring; and_ wheth - er our to - mor - rows be__



filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you



still: to__ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your



ways, and_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Spring at Northlea:

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom

April 16 to 20, 2026 – Bronwyn will be out of the office and away from the pulpit.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Henry

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – Earth Day and April 19 to 26, 2026 is Earth Week

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship Meeting on Zoom; 7:30 pm – Trustee Meeting in-person

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm – Staff Workshop

Spring Clothing Drive for Flemingdon Park!

- Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship; 11:30 am – Council meeting in person

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 10:30 am – Bible Study resumes online; 6:00 pm – UCWN Pot Luck Dinner, Presentation and AGM.

Sunday May 10, 2026 – Christian Family Sunday - 10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: 10:30 am - Bible Study on Zoom – is on break for April and will resume May 5 to June 23

Wednesdays:

- 11:00 am –Chair Exercise – to May 13
- 5:45 pm – Line Dancing – to April 29
- 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir to May 6, 2026

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – everyone is welcome
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

Minister's Update:

- Bronwyn will be on vacation from Thursday, April 16 to Monday, April 20, 2026.
- The Rev. Jennifer Henry will be leading worship on Sunday, April 19.
- Please contact the office for any emergency pastoral care issues.

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

Northlea United Church's



SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE



For Flemingdon Park Clothing Bank

Drop Off Gently Used Clothes

**Thursday, April 30
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 2
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Northlea United Church
125 Brentcliffe Road**



Taizé at Northlea United



An evening of reflection & meditation



7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21

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

Additional date May 19

125 Brentcliffe Road

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Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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