



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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April 19, 2026

Third 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:

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. Jennifer Henry – 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

Jesse Bigelow – 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 19, 2026

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Jennifer Henry as our guest minister.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Donna Rutz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

The land on which we gather is the sacred gift of the Creator, the territory of Indigenous nations, and the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant and Treaty 13. This land has been witness to broken promises and settler betrayal.

May we seek redress and repair. May we find home in right relation.

Choral Introit: O The Lamb

John L. Bell

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

In the ordinary blessings of our lives

May we recognize you.

In the beauty of creation

May we recognize you.

In the face of friend and stranger

May we recognize you.

In holy word and sacred song

May we recognize you.

In this community gathered today

May we recognize you.

Come Risen One, Come and stay.

Confession and Affirmation

In this time of warring madness, of polarization and exclusion, of greed and exploitation...

let us take a moment to reflect on the brokenness of the world:

The brokenness in and between countries and nations... *(silence)*

The brokenness in communities and between communities...*(silence)*

The brokenness in families and that which we experience inside ourselves...*(silence)*

We ask your mercy for what we have done and for what we have left undone.

In the name of Christ who reconciles all things and from whom grace flows in abundance

Know you are—we are—forgiven. God's Spirit moves freely through us in healing and hope.

Amen.

***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: The Day of Resurrection**

Voices United 164

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jesse Bigelow

Open the word to us, that it might burn in our hearts in faith.

Amen

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: We Walk by Faith

Marty Haugen

Sermon: The Resurrection Journey

The Rev. Jennifer Henry

***Hymn: As We Walked Home at Close of Day**

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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

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.
And in your love, answer us.**

Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven (TLUS #70)

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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:**

Send us forth in memory and hope,
Risking belief in resurrection.
Send us forth hearts burning within us
To witness to the Good News.

And may the God who is our Mother comfort us, the Christ who is our sibling accompany us,
and the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate stir us—until it is on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Amen:

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er,
a - - men. *rit. poco a poco al fine* A - - men. A - - men.
rit. poco a poco al fine.
Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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Postlude

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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Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven (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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Spring at Northlea:

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 Flemington 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

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Warren McDougall; Bronwyn will be away from the pulpit

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara

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
- 4:30 pm – Line Dancing – to April 29
- 5:45 pm – Line Dancing – to April 29
- 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir - to May 6

Thursdays:

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



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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What is a Taizé Service?

Taizé is a unique and inspiring ecumenical monastic community that was founded in Burgundy, France in 1940 to encourage peace, reconciliation and unity among Christians. A Taizé service at Northlea is approximately 45 minutes in length and primarily focuses on simple meditative songs, scripture readings, personal reflection and periods of blessed silence in a candlelight setting. If you are looking for a way to slow down and enter into prayerful silence and thought, we invite you to come to our next services on Tuesday, April 21st and May 19th. Please join us.

Northlea United Church's

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE



For Flemington 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.**

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The Rev. Jennifer Henry Biography

Jennifer Henry currently serves as Executive Minister for Organizational Development and Strategy at the General Council Office of the United Church. For almost three decades she was a social justice advocate on behalf of Canadian churches, including as Executive Director of KAIROS. Jennifer holds a Master of Social Work and of Theological Studies, a Diploma of Denominational Studies, and an Honorary Doctor of Christian Letters. She was ordained in 2023.



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Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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