



Northlea United Church

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

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**April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

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:**

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**[www.northleaunited.ca](http://www.northleaunited.ca):**

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**Thank you for helping with today's service:**

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

George Fung – Organist

Section Leads: Alexandra Delle Donne, Chelsie Boccongele – Sopranos ✧ Karen Davidson, JoAnn Thompson – Altos

Joshua Clemenger, Tyler Smith – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath, Sean Pentinga – Bass

Brass Musicians: Kyle Pogline, Paul Callander – Trumpets ✧ Andrew Gormley, Ray Sun – Trombones

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

Stephen Popiel - 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.

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**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Alleluia!**

*Celebrate God's Presence 8D006*

**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.**

**Introit:** Easter Fanfare

David Ashley White

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

Gracious God, we name this an opening prayer.

To call it an opening prayer suggests it's an opening into something more,

**an opening of a door into this time of worship.**

We ask your blessing, so that this is exactly what it is as we worship this morning.

**Nurture our faith and our trust in the fullness of your gifts.**

Open doors on our life's journey and reveal to us a room filled with life, hope, and promise,

**a life we can genuinely call a journey of discipleship as followers of Jesus. Amen.**

*Bill Perry, Havelock-Trent River P.C., Havelock, Ont.*

**\*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)*

❖ Listening ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Stephen Popiel

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.

**Psalm 118: This is the Day**

Michael Joncas



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.\_\_\_\_

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**Gospel: John 20:1-18**

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip J. Stopford

**Sermon:** Run! ... or maybe speed walk.

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

❖ 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)



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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## Blessing of the Offering:

In the hustle and bustle of the year,  
You are there:

**Quiet, waiting, patient.**

Help guide us to the quiet centre,

**So we know what we can do,**

How we can help,

**And how we can live out your work.**

Help us follow Jesus

**Into the Wilderness, and then**

**Out into the grander world.**

**Amen.**

*(God of the Wild Wilderness – a prayer from Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada)*

## ❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

### ❖ Communion ❖

## Open Table

### Communion Hymn: I'm Gonna Shout

More Voices 183

### Invitation to Communion:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Thanksgiving

### Holy Holy: *(first time – sing after the choir)*



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Remembering Jesus

### Remembering Jesus at Table:

On the night before he died, gathered with his disciples,

Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it,

Saying: "Take, eat; whenever you do this remember me."

Then he took the cup, blessings it and pouring it out,  
He said, "Take, drink; this is the cup of the new covenant.  
Whenever you do this, remember me."

**Mystery of Faith:** *(sing after the choir)*



Christ has died, Christ is ris - - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ:  
light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**Prayers of the People**

**Concluding Praise:**

Though Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory is yours, God most holy,  
Now and forever.

**Amen:** *(sing after the choir)*



A - - men, a - - men, a - - - - men.

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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.**

**Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup:**

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.  
Jesus Christ, the True Vine.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all things are now ready.

**Prayer after Communion:**

For the bread we have eaten,  
for the wine we have tasted,  
for the life we have received,  
we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done  
and have been given here,  
may so put its mark on us,  
that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow  
in Christian love and understanding,  
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,  
in Christ's name. Amen.

*(This Communion Prayer is a compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence, 268-302).*

**\*Closing Hymn: Thine is the Glory (Vs. 2 Choir only) Arr. Michael Burkhardt – Voices United 173**

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Amen**

**Ken Canedo / Bob Hurd**

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*  
*rit. poco a poco al fine.*

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**Postlude:**

**Procession Order during Postlude: Brass, Choir, Congregation**

*During the Postlude, please follow the choir and assemble in the Narthex  
for our procession outside and refreshments.*

*Our processional song is on the next page!*

**Processional Hymn: We Are Marching In the Light of God – (VU 646 Alt.)**

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God,  
— We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, God  
— We are march - ing, Oo, we are march - ing in the light of, God  
— We are march - ing, Oo, we are march - ing in the light of God,

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**Next Week's Readings**

From *Gathering*

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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

## **Beyond Easter:**

**Note: The office will be closed Monday, April 6, 2026 for the holiday.**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026** – National Caregiver Day

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

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

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

**April 15 to 19, 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

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026** – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship Meeting on Zoom

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

**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 Potluck 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



## 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

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