



Northlea United Church

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

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## **May 10, 2026 Sixth 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](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

*(Last Sunday, Alexandra was sick and Madison MacIvor filled in last minute).*

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Ray Murrill – 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)**

**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, May 10, 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.**

**Choral Introit:** If You Believe and I Believe                      Text: Zimbabwean traditional. Arr. by John L. Bell  
Music: Zimbabwean derivative of English folk melody

**\*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**

Ray Murrill

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 14:15-21**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments (*John 14:15-17*)

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

**Sermon: Love Advocate**

**The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**\*Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

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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:**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**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.**

## Offering Hymn: O God Blessing of the Offering – (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

### A Mother's Day Blessing

To all those who offer mothering love in so many ways,  
to birth mothers, adopted mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, chosen mothers, aunts and  
great-aunts, grandmothers and godmothers,  
to soon-to-be mothers and those yearning to be mothers,  
to those of all genders who offer tender care and understanding to children,  
to all who are missing their mothers and those grieving for their mothers,  
to broken-hearted mothers grieving for their children, gone too soon,  
and to all who carry pain in their hearts as mothers or because of mothers,  
we pray that you will know God's presence with you  
as you mark this day, whatever it means for you this year,  
joy or grief, hope or fear, sorrow or celebration, frustration or delight.  
May you know God's love enfolding you with all the love you offer to others, and more.  
God bless you, today and every day.

*Susan Lukey, High River U.C., High River, Alta. From Gathering;  
<https://gatheringworship.ca/blogs/blessing-all-experiences-mothers>*

## Prayers of the People

Prayer Refrain: Lord, hear our prayers,  
And in your love, answer.

### 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: Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise

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### \*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.

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### Postlude

## Spring at Northlea:

**Note: There will not be a Fire Drill today. It has been rescheduled to the fall.**

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

**Sunday, May 17, 2026** – 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Warren McDougall; Bronwyn is away from the pulpit; Monday May 18, 2026 – Victoria Day – the office is closed.

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026** – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara and song leader Karen Davidson

**Sunday, May 24, 2026** – Pentecost – 10:30 am – Worship with Communion; 11:30 am - Annual General Meeting Question and Answer after worship

**Saturday, May 30, 2026** – 10:00 am – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

**Sunday, May 31, 2026** – Trinity Sunday:

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Northlea United Annual General Meeting
- 5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth Without Shelter

## Ongoing Activities:

**Tuesdays:** 10:30 am - Bible Study on Zoom – continues to June 23, contact Bronwyn for information.

**Wednesdays:**

- 11:00 am –Chair Exercise – to May 13

**Thursdays:**

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – everyone is welcome – continues to June 18 and resumes September 17, 2026.
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – continues to May 21 and resumes September 17, 2026

## Minister on Vacation

Bronwyn is taking continuing education time and vacation from Wednesday, May 13 – Monday, May 18, 2026. The Rev. Warren McDougall will be in the pulpit on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Please contact the office if you have any emergency pastoral care needs.

**Next Week's Readings**

From *Gathering*

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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