



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 11:30 am

- The worship service and the meeting will be held in the Community.
- Meeting documents will be available online and in printed form.
- Printed packages will be available in the foyer or can be requested through the church office.
- This will be a hybrid meeting. If you are unable to attend in-person, please contact the office to register and receive the Zoom link.

Annual Meeting Question & Answer session

Have questions about the Annual Meeting? Get some answers!

In-Person session:

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 11:30 am

Directly following worship in the Sanctuary.

Zoom session:

Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10:00 am

Please contact the office to register and receive the Zoom link

office@northleaunited.ca

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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. Warren McDougall – 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

Anne Saunders – Reader

Minister: The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett ✧ bronwyn@northleaunited.ca

Music Director: David Jafelice ✧ david@northleaunited.ca

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Facility Manager: Robert Pringle ✧ building@northleaunited.ca

Congregational & Community Outreach Coordinator: Jo Dullard ✧ jo@northleaunited.ca

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, May 17, 2026

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Warren McDougal as our guest minister.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the Christ candle, we remember that the light of Christ shines in our hearts and connects us to one another as the Body of Christ.

Christ's light is present with us and in us as we worship.

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 Willams 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: While Earth Remains

Korean traditional
Words and arr. John L. Bell

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

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, and all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray:

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come here today ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us. Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence)

***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: Jesus Shall Reign**

Voices United 330

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Anne Saunders

Loving God, in the reading of scripture may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts may your Word be made known,
and in the faithfulness of our lives may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Psalm 96 – Alleluia, Go and Teach All People My Gospel

Rev. T. B. Armstrong

Refrain:

Hal - le - lu - jah! Go and teach all
peo - ple my gos - pel. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Psalm 96. Refrain based on Mark 16:15. Musical Setting by Rev. T. B. Armstrong 1978, alt.

Sermon: God is in this Place

The Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn: We Meet You, O Christ**

Voices United 183

❖ 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 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

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: Go To the World

Voices United 420

*Blessing and Sending Forth

As we leave this time and place of worship, let us give thanks and praise to God.

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do so much more than we can ask or
imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church, and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.

Amen.

And now may the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

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

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Postlude



The Rev. Warren McDougall Biography

The Rev. Warren McDougall is our guest minister today. He is a retired United Church of Canada minister, who grew up on a farm in rural mid-western Ontario. He retired 9 years ago after 40 years of ministry in 5 congregations in Alberta and Ontario, most recently at Richmond Hill United Church. Since retirement, he has filled in as supply minister in many Toronto and area congregations, including Leaside United Church and Northlea United this past summer. Early in his retirement, he spent 3 months in Iona, Scotland as a volunteer. Warren has two adult sons and four grandchildren.



Taizé at Northlea United



An evening of reflection & meditation



7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19

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

125 Brentcliffe Road

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office@northleaunited.ca

Almost Summer at Northlea:

Favourite hymns: Let us know your favourite hymns so that they can be incorporated into the services and perhaps form the basis of a hymn sing service in the future! Use one of the forms in the Narthex to list your favs or email or call the office with your list.

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 – AGM Q&A session – ask your questions!

Monday, May 25, 2026 – 10:00 am – AGM Q&A on Zoom, contact the office to register and receive link.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship Circle meeting on Zoom

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 – don't miss it. Also available on Zoom, email the office to register and receive link.
- 5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth Without Shelter

Sunday, June 7, 2026 - Union Sunday - 10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - 7:00 pm - Council Meeting

Sunday, June 14, 2026 - 10:30 am - Worship and Communion - Pride Celebration

Sunday, June 21, 2026 - 10:30 am - Worship - outside weather permitting; Father's Day, Indigenous Day of Prayer

Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 10:30 am - Worship - The Rev. Warren McDougall; Bronwyn will be away from the pulpit.

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: 10:30 am - Bible Study on Zoom – continues to June 23 and will resume September 15, contact Bronwyn for information.

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – the group will break for summer after June 18 and resume on September 17.
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – the group will break for the summer after May 21 and resume on September 17.



Summer Service schedule:

All services are at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings. Contact each church office for online attendance information.

Northlea @ 125 Brentcliffe Road - July 5, 12, 19 & September 6, 2026 - Live Streamed at northleaunited.ca.

Leaside Presbyterian @ 670 Eglinton Ave E - July 26, August 2, 9, 2026 - 416 422 0510 or admin@leasidepc.ca

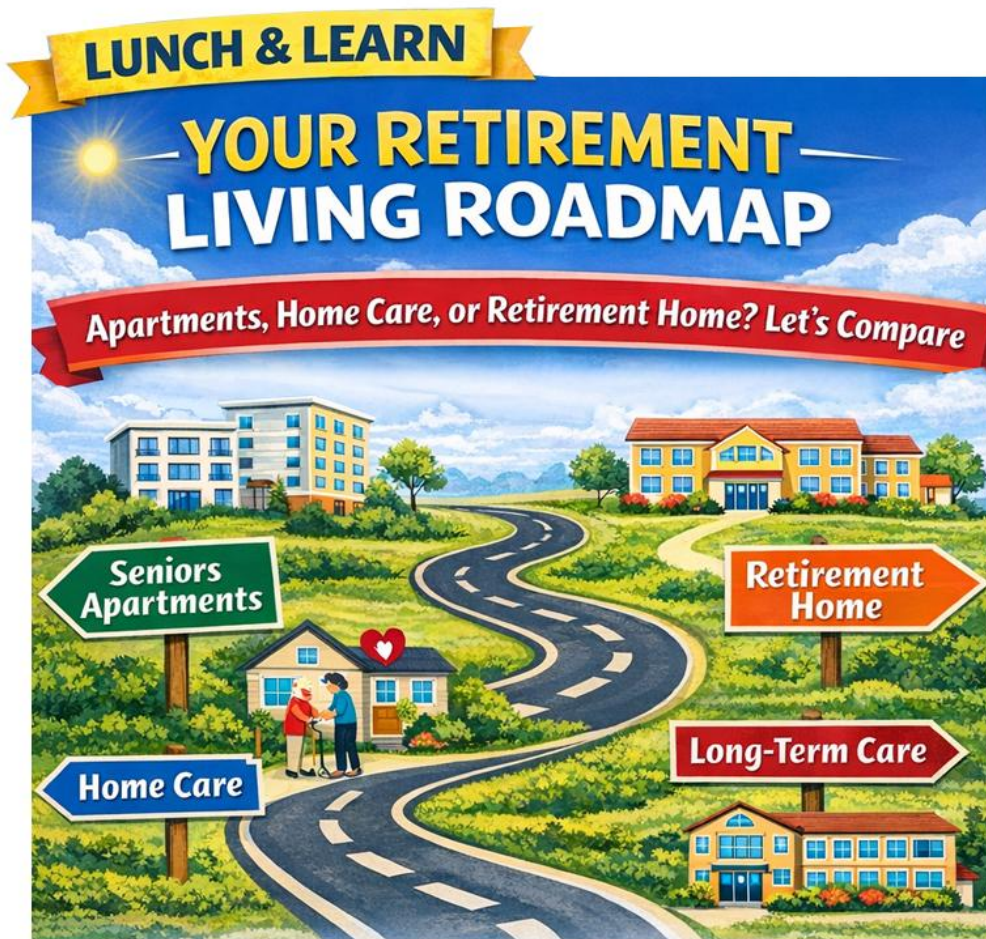
Leaside United @ 822 Millwood Rd - August 16, 23, 30, 2026 - 416 425 1253 or robert@leasideuc.com.

An inaugural Antisemitism event at Rosedale United Church

Sunday, May, 2026 – 3:00 pm

Rosedale United - 159 Roxborough Road

Rosedale United is inviting Toronto United Churches to this event, sponsored by Rosedale and in partnership with The Interfaith Bridge. Their objective is to educate congregation members and the broader community about Antisemitism in Toronto and to propose strategies for becoming more effective allies for our Jewish family members, friends and neighbours. Please share widely and invite your friends! Contact their office to receive registration information. 416 924 0725 or churchoffice@rosedaleunited.org



Wednesday, May 20 - 12 p.m.
Northlea United Church - 125 Brentcliffe Rd.
Register: 416-425-5252

Join us for an informative and relaxed session exploring:

- Seniors apartments & condos
- Staying at home with support / home care
- Retirement residences
- Long-term care

Plan ahead - ask questions. Explore your options.
Registration deadline May 15

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13;
John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

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