



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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Thank you for helping with today's service:

The Rev. Warren McDougall – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

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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.

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**Northlea United Church
Sunday, June 28, 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 Pride and Christ Candles:

The Pride candle is lit to remind us all to honour our diversity; each of us is different in many ways but united in our search for a faith.

The Christ candle is lit as a visible reminder that we are committed to working towards creative change in the world.

We turn to the Christ light as we worship with a spirit of love and acceptance.

Acknowledgement of the Land:

This is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land is part of the Dish with One Spoon territory, a treaty between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Anishinaabek and allied nations, to peaceably share and care for this land, its waters, and all of the biodiversity in the Great Lakes Region.

We acknowledge our responsibility for honouring this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship, and respect.

Choral Introit: Touch Somebody's Life

James E. Moore Jr.

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

People of God, come and worship!

We are led by the Spirit of God.

God accepts us and invites us to gather as people of faith.

We come as we are, ready to receive the Good News.

Let us pray together:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come into our place of worship today.

**Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today,
so that we may live and love with purpose, courage and enthusiasm,
serving you and our world.**

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: Come Down, O Love Divine – (VU 367)**

**1. Come down, O love divine, seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.**

**O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.**

**3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long
shall far out pass the pow'r of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till love creates the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.**

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Diana Bennett

God, the words you speak have power: power to create, power to disturb, power to heal.

Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

Gospel: 1 John 4:16-21

Mark 12:28-31

God is Love

The First Commandment

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: No Greater Love

Michael Joncas

There is no great - er love, says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend;
there is no great - er love, no great - er love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

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Sermon: It's Your Choice

The Rev. Warren McDougall

*Hymn: Creating God, We Give You Thanks – (VU 292)

1. Cre - at - ing God, we give__ you thanks that this__ your
2. You hast__ not fin - ished wom - an, man, for we__ are
♦ 3. Be - yond__ the pre - sent sin__ and shame, wrong's bit - ter,
4. What though the king - dom long__ de - lay, and still__ with
5. Since what__ we choose is what__ we are, and what__ we
world__ is in - - com - plete; that bat - - tle__ calls our
in__ the mak - ing still, as friends_ who_ share the
♦ cru - - el, scorch - ing blight, we see__ the__ beck - oning
haugh - ty foes__ must cope? It gives__ us__ that for
love__ we yet__ shall be, the goal__ may_ ev - er
mar - shalled ranks, that_ work__ a - waits__ our hands_ and feet.
Mak - er's plan, as__ those__ who know_ your lov - ing will.
♦ vi - sion flame, the__ bless - ed king - dom of__ the right.
which to pray, a__ field__ for toil__ and faith__ and hope.
shine a - far, the__ will__ to win__ it makes us free.

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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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do? – (MV 191)

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

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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 Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.**

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***Closing Hymn: O Love, How Deep – (VU 348)**

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, in Jesus Christ,
should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us great daily works were wrought,
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

2. God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and freely to this lost world came.

7. To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity.

***Blessing and Sending Forth:**

We are the church! We follow where the Spirit leads, daring to be risk-takers wherever we go!

**We are filled with the love of Creator God, with the companionship of Brother Christ,
and with the breath of Sister Spirit.**

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

Bob Dufford SJ

A - - men, hal - le - lu - - jah, for_ ev - er and ev - er, for_
ev - er, hal - le - lu - jah, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men._____

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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.

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering

July 5 – Sixth after Pentecost:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 – Seventh after Pentecost:

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - Eight after Pentecost:

Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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