



Northlea United Church

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

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## **September 20, 2026**

### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Creation Time II**

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

Amanda Miller – Christian Education Leader

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

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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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**Don't miss the excitement!**  
**It's a learning opportunity!**  
**It's a Fire Drill!**

IF there was an emergency fire alarm sounded during service:

1. Do you know which door to exit?
2. Where do we meet once outside?

All this and more is available in a small booklet called "**Fire Alarm - Here's What You Do**". Contact the office for your copy, today.

**Quick Answers:**

**1. Where do I exit?**

- Everyone will exit the sanctuary down the nearest aisle and then proceed out the main front doors of the church. Please help those that might need assistance.

**2. I'm outside - now what?**

- Once outside, go directly to the southwest corner of the property by the yellow pole on the front lawn where Brentcliffe and Broadway meet. ***Everyone will meet here.***

**3. When can I go back into the building?**

- Please wait for the "all clear" from Robert or the fire department before re-entering the building. The alarm stopping is NOT the "all clear."

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**Sunday, September 20, 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**

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: Creation's Hymn**

Ludwig van Beethoven. Arr. E. Sachs

Text newly updated from original English version from the German

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

Moved by beauty, messiness, and mystery,

**we bring thanksgiving, hope, and commitment.**

Let us worship Creator God together.

Creator God,

Move us to a deeper love that can celebrate the world's  
decaying leaves, broken spider webs, and algae-covered muck.

Move us to a braver love that can embrace the world's  
hurting, and our earth kin's suffering.

**Keep our hearts present, as they beat in pain.**

**Keep our minds focused, as they grow in wisdom.**

**Keep our actions meaningful,**

**as the loving, challenging actions of Jesus were,  
and call us to be.**

May it be so.

**Amen.**

*Emily Gordon, Burningbush Eco-ministry. <https://www.youtube.com/@burningbushecoministry>*

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**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Creator God,

we bring our hearts heavy with the times we fall short:

...every time our words or actions

are not in a manner worthy of the gospel –

**lacking in compassion, courage, or love...**

...every time

**we think and behave as individuals**

**denying our interconnectedness with our earth kin,**

Forgive us.

**Transform us.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

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**\*Words of Assurance:**

God's love does not depend on our worthiness.

God's promise of renewal does not rely on our perfection.

Each day we begin again and choose anew.

You are loved.

And you are called to live into that love that God showers upon us so abundantly.

Thanks be to God!

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**\*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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**Voices United 651**

**❖ Listening ❖**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Anne Saunders

O God, your Word is a lamp at our feet, and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen

**Scripture: Exodus 16:2–15**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** God Has Work for Us to Do

Mark A. Miller

**Sermon:** Saved by the Bell

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

**\*Hymn:** All Who Are Thirsty

**More Voices 4**

❖ 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.

**Embodied Worship: Offering Our Authentic Selves**

Amanda Miller

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn: In Gratitude and Humble Trust – (VU 544)**

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

**Blessing of the Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

**Sung Prayer Refrain: God of Mercy, Hear Our Prayer**

Bob Hurd



Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. God of mer - cy, hear our prayer.

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**The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)**

**Voices United 921**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn: As a Fire is Meant for Burning**

**Voices United 578**

**Fire Drill**

**Next Week: Orange Shirt Sunday**

**Readings From The Gatherings:**

Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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