



Northlea United Church

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September 27, 2026

Creation Time III

Orange Shirt 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. 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. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Amanda Miller – Christian Education Leader

Madison MacIvor – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jesse Bigelow – 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



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

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Sunday, September 27, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Neighbourhood Story Time in the Healing Forest – Saturday, October 3, 10-10:30 am
Art Gallery by the Community Room

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Northlea United Church acknowledges our presence on the land that has been traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, as well as many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, since time immemorial.

We are all relations. We are all One.

Choral Introit: There is a Balm in Gilead (VU 612)

African American Spiritual

*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: God of the Bible**

More Voices 28 - omit vs. 4

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jesse Bigelow

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 17:1-7

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

Thanks be to God!

Stories of Remembrance and Reconciliation:

Anthem: Gimikwenden Ina (*Do You Remember?*) - in Ojibwe & English

Corey Payett, arr. Elliot Vaughan
from the musical "Children of God"

Gimikwenden ina

Do you remember?

Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan

What you are called?

Aandi wenjibaayan

Where you are from?

Ginikwenden 'na

Do you remember?

Nindedeyag nimaamaayag

Our fathers and mothers?

Nimiseyag nisayeyah

Our sisters and brothers?

❖ Responding ❖

Silence and ReconciliACTION:

Write down an insight you gained and an action you are committing to. When you are ready, please come forward with your paper, place it in the basket, take a stone in its place. Please add a star to the outside of your paper if we can share your action idea anonymously in the future.

Oath to Become a Witness to ReconciliACTION:

With humility and resolve, we pledge to learn.

We will seek understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives.

We will educate ourselves on the truths of colonization and its ongoing impacts.

With humility and resolve, we pledge to listen.

We will center and amplify Indigenous voices, stories, and teachings.

We will approach these with respect and an open heart.

With humility and resolve, we pledge to act.

We will respond to the Truth and ReconciliACTION Commission's 94 Calls to Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Calls for Justice.

We will advocate for systemic change and work toward decolonization.

We will support Indigenous-led initiatives.

With humility and resolve, we pledge to acknowledge and reflect.

We will recognize our roles in these processes—past, present, and future.

We will strive to be good ancestors, leaving a legacy of justice and equity.

With humility and resolve, we pledge to stay accountable.

**We will welcome discomfort as part of growth and accountability.
 We will hold ourselves and others to the principles of ReconciliACTION.
 We make this commitment as witnesses to Truth, supporters of ReconciliACTION,
 and guardians of future generations.**

So it is, and so We will strive.

*—This pledge was prepared by Rev Tony Snow, a member of the Goodstoney First Nation (Stoney Tribe).
 He serves as the Indigenous Minister for Chinook Winds Region and the
 Toward 2035 Vision Coordinator for Indigenous Ministries and Justice.*

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

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.**

*ReconciliACTION Stones, Blessing and Sending Forth:

*Closing Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

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Amen: Glory Amen (*setting 2*)

Bob Hurd

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Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in F Major *once thought to be composed by J. S. Bach, BWV 556*
Now believed to have been composed by one of Bach's pupils, Johann Tobias Krebs,
or his son Johann Ludwig Krebs, or by the Bohemian composer Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer.

Next Week: Pet Blessing and World Communion

Please bring your pet 9:30-10 am for a blessing on the front lawn,
And/or bring a picture of a pet for a blessing during the service.

Next Week's Readings From The Gatherings:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Visit northleaunited.ca for more information.

Some Ideas for Reconciliation Practices:

from David A. Robertson, 52 Ways to Reconcile: How to Walk with Indigenous Peoples on the Path to Healing, 2025

- Follow Indigenous folks on social media and engage with their posts
- Read Indigenous comics and books
- Watch Indigenous-made TV, movies, and podcasts
- Learn the difference between cultural appropriation and cultural appreciation
- Research Indigenous place names
- Attend a powwow or visit a cultural centre
- Attend a demonstration or gathering
- Learn about Indigenous approaches to land stewardship and creation care
- Watch survivor video testimony
- Make some Bannock
- Support Indigenous businesses
- Help fund Indigenous education
- Donate to local organizations serving survivors and other Indigenous people
 - Anishinawbe Health Foundation
 - Aboriginal Legal Services
 - Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
 - ENAGB Youth Centre on the Danforth
 - Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto
 - The Thunder Women Healing Lodge Society near the Beaches
- Enjoy Indigenous humour
- Read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's final report
- Make time for quiet reflection on the issues of truth and reconciliation
- Visit a local Indigenous restaurant
- Get creative and come up with your own everyday actions to take!