



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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October 4, 2026

19th Sunday in Pentecost - Creation Time IV

World Communion Sunday

Animal Blessing

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

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Diana Bennett – 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

Northlea United Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

- If you have a picture of a pet, please place it on the table with the Baptismal Font at the front of the sanctuary for a blessing.
- October Birthdays / Events

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: O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
*Composed for the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, 2 June 1953*

*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.

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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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Pet Blessing

***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: Welcome Table

African American Spiritual



1. I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come ta - - ble; I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come
2. I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and broth - ers; I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and
♦ 3. We're gon - na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na feast on milk and
4. I'm gon - na eat and drink with Je - - sus; I'm gon - na eat and drink with
5. Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the world will find a



- ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na sit at the wel - come
broth - ers one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na eat with my sis - ters and
♦ hon - ey one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; we're gon - na feast on milk and
Je - sus one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon - na eat and drink with
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Je - - sus; I'm gon - na eat and drink with Je - sus one of these days. _____
wel - - come; here all the world will find a wel - come one of these days. _____

from *Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees & Immigrants*. The Hymn Society. Page 33.

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Diana Bennett

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God, bless even our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles, life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries. Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: In the Peaceable Kingdom

Jeffrey Honoré

incorporating excerpts from Messiah by George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Sermon: Belonging, Behaviour, Belief

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

❖ 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: 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.**

**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.

Blessing of the Offering

❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

❖ Communion ❖

Open Table / Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

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Invitation to Communion:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

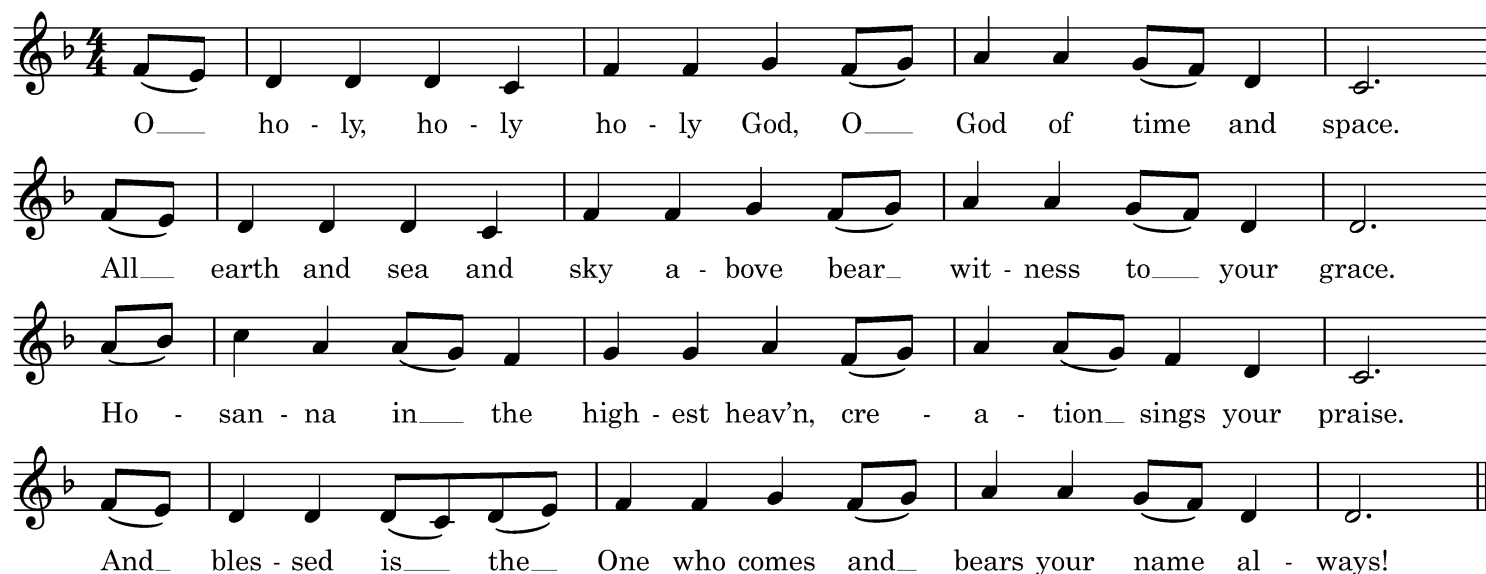
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving – (MV 203 Kingsfold)



O__ ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly God, O__ God of time and space.

All__ earth and sea and sky a - bove bear__ wit - ness to__ your grace.

Ho - san - na in__ the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion__ sings your praise.

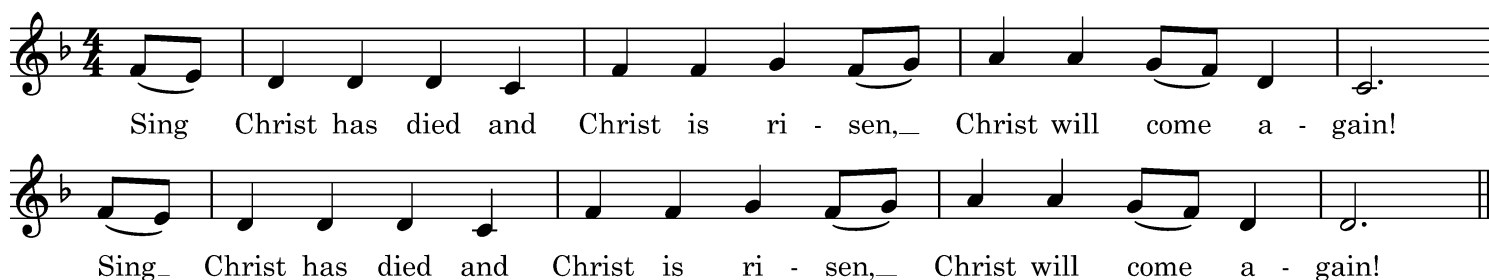
And__ bles - sed is__ the__ One who comes and__ bears your name al - ways!

Remembering Jesus

Remembering Jesus at Table:

On the night before he died, gathered with his disciples,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it,
Saying: "Take, eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
Then he took the cup, blessing it and pouring it out,
He said, "Take, drink; this is the cup of the new covenant.
Whenever you do this, remember me."

Mystery of Faith – (MV 204 Kingsfold)



Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen,__ Christ will come a - gain!

Sing__ Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen,__ Christ will come a - gain!

Prayers of the People

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**

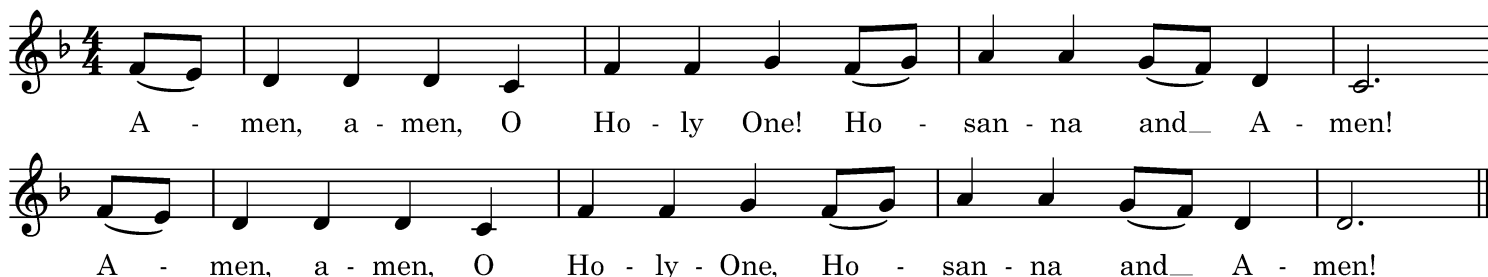
**For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Concluding Praise:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory is yours, God most holy,
Now and forever.

Amen – (MV 205 Kingsfold)



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Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Communion is Served - Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup:

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.
Jesus Christ, the True Vine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

Prayer after Communion:

For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
for the life we have received,
we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done
and have been given here,
may so put its mark on us,
that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow
in Christian love and understanding,
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
in Christ's name. Amen.

(This Communion Prayer is a compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence, 268-302).

*Closing Hymn: I Come with Joy

Voices United 477

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Amen: Glory Amen (*setting 2*)

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

A - men.____ A - men.____ Al - le - lu - ia,____ A - men.____

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Postlude



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Northlea Events

Empire Cheese Sales start now!

Order forms are available in the Foyer. Orders must be given to June Cavers by Sunday, November 1, 2026. Order are scheduled for delivery Tuesday, November 17, 2026. You will be notified of any changes in delivery date.

Ongoing events

Tuesdays – 10:30 am – Bible Study online – continues to October 20, 2026:

Join the group on Zoom as they explore The Story of Moses.

- Exodus 16:2–15 – Manna from Heaven / Exodus 17:1–7 – Water from the Rock
- Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 – 10 Commandments / Exodus 32:1–14 – Golden Calf
- Exodus 33:12–23 – Moses sees God's backside / Deuteronomy 34 – Death of Moses

Contact Bronwyn for information and the link. In November, we will take a closer look at the Christmas Story.

Wednesdays:

- **11:00 am – Chair Exercise** with Anne Medlock for 6 weeks starting October 14, 2026.
- **7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir** – Contact Lois Scott for information.
- **Starting October 14, 2026 – Line Dancing** - for 6 weeks – 4:15 pm & 5:30 pm – contact Jo Dullard for information.

Thursdays:

- **10:00 am - Meet on the Patio**
- **1:30 pm - Arts & Crafts Circle**
- **7:30 pm - Northlea Worship Choir Practice** (also meet 9:30 am Sundays before worship)

Saturdays - First of every month: 10:00 am - Neighbourhood Story Time with Amanda Miller in the Pines – next dates: October 3, 2026; November 7, 2026; December 5, 2026..

Other Events:

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – 11:30 am – Lunch with Northlea Friends at Olde Yorke Fish & Chips – 96 Laird Dr. Contact Anne Saunders or Lois Scott by October 5 to RSVP.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 10:30 am – Thanksgiving Worship – the Northlea United food drive begins – bring your canned or dry good to church and put it in the TNO Bin.

Monday, October 12, 2026 – Thanksgiving Monday – Office closed.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – World Food Sunday:

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:45 am – Pronoun Discussion in the Youth Room

Monday & Tuesday, October 19 & 20, 2026 – office is closed.

October 20, 2026:

- **12:00 noon** – Lunch & Learn: Child Survivor of the Holocaust – Contact Jo Dullard to register by Noon on Friday, October 16, 2026. Final fall Lunch & Learn – November 24 – Power of Attorney documents
- **7:30 pm** – Taizé; additional date – November 17th.

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Leaside Food Drive – bring your food to Northlea and put it in the bins on the lawn. Better yet – start bringing your items to church Sunday, October 11, 2026 and bring dried legumes and proteins every Sunday until the drive!

Planning your calendar? Save these dates!

- Thursday, October 29, 2026 – 5:30 pm – Spooky Craft; 6:00 pm – Potluck Dinner
- Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 11:30 am – Annual Congregation Budget Meeting
- Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Caroling in the Pines
- Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight
- Wednesday, December 16, 2026 – 6 pm – Blue Christmas Service
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve worship and Communion

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

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