



Northlea United Church

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August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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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:

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Thank you for helping with today's service:

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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.

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**Northlea United Church
Sunday, August 17, 2025**

** indicates where the congregation is to stand.*

Today we welcome Rev. Warren McDougall as our Guest Minister.

Prelude

Welcome

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 one to another as the Body of Christ.

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

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

Acknowledgement of the Land

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Response:

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

***Introit: Lord Prepare Me – (MV 18)**

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly tried and true;

with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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***Call to Worship:**

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace, justice and righteousness.

This is the place where God reaches out into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.

This is no ordinary gathering.

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *(Please be seated.)*

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn: Sing Praises to God – (VU 228)**



1. Sing prais - es to God! Sing praise in the height; re - joice in God's
2. Sing prais - es to God! Sing praise up - on earth, in tune - ful ac -
3. Sing prais - es to God, all things that give sound; each ju - bi - lant
4. Sing prais - es to God! Thanks - giv - ing and song be ev - er out -



word, blest an - gels of light; high heav - ens, re - call - ing_ by_
- cord, you saints of new birth; praise God, who has brought you_ rich
chord re - e - cho a - round; loud or - gans, your glo - ry_ tell_
- poured, all a - ges a - long: for love in cre - a - tion, for_



whom you were made, come, of - fer your wor-ship in bright - ness ar - rayed.
grace from a - bove, and show - ered your life_ with a - bun - dance of love.
out in deep tone, and trum - pets, the sto - ry of what God has done.
hope spread a - broad, for grace of sal - va - tion, sing prais - es to God.

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry 1887. Words: Henry Williams Baker 1875, et al.

***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.)

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Lois Scott

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture: John 10: 1-10

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

Thanks be to God!

Solo: Come, My Way, My Truth – (VU 628)

Arr. Tony Alonso

Reflection: L’Chaim!”

❖ **Responding** ❖

***Hymn: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky - (MV 143)**

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Creator God, You Gave Us Life – (MV27)

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Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray.

The Prayer of Jesus:

Our Father who are 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.

***Closing Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations – (VU 678)**



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray_ with one ac - cord;
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom, from de - spair_ your world re - lease;
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from_ the earth be banned:
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;



for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.
 that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come_ and go_ in peace.
 pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that_ ob - scure your plan.
 for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life_ of Christ to mind;



To a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how through care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 that, by our re - sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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***Sending Forth and Blessing:**

Go into the world! For the love of God is yours to share,
 the peace of Christ is yours to extend,
 the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer.

Thanks be to God!

And now the grace of Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

***Amen: Jim Strathdee – (VU 974)**



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Postlude



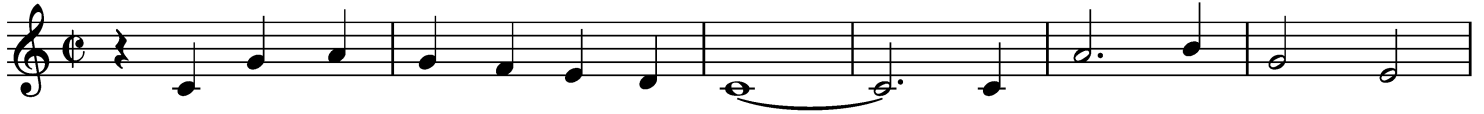
Rev. Warren McDougall Biography

The Rev. Warren McDougall is our guest minister today and is our Pastoral Charge Supervisor until our new minister arrives. 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. Early in his retirement, he spent 3 months in Iona, Scotland as a volunteer. Warren has two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Music List:

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*Hymn: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky - (MV 143)



1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky,_____ the moon, the wild - flow'rs
2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night_____ and wea - ry wait for
3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join_____ as part - ners in cre -



grow - ing,_____ For we are part of all that is with - in life's
morn - ing,_____ When chil - dren have no bread but tears, and war horns
- at - ing_____ a fu - ture free from want o fear, Life's good - ness



riv - er flow - ing._____ With o - pen hands re - ceive and share
sound their warn - ing._____ God calls hu - man - i - ty to a -
cel - e - brat - ing,_____ that new world beck - ons from a - far,_____



_____ the gifts of God's cre - a - tion,_____ That all may have a -
- - wake, to join in com - mon la - - bor, That all may have
_____ In - vites our shared en - deav - or_____ that all might have a -



- bun - dant life_____ in ev - 'ry earth - ly na - tion._____
a - bun - dant_____ life, one - ness with their neigh - bor._____
- bun - dant life_____ and peace en - dure for - ev - er._____

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***Offering Hymn: Creator God, You Gave Us Life – (MV27)**



3. When with our hearts, our hands, our minds, we share our gifts with all the world,



Our spir - its soar be - yond the veil, to touch the ver - y face of God.

Refrain



Through hands that paint ma - jes - tic skies, and voic - es chant - ing mel - o - dy,



With words that reach be - yond the page, we com - pre - hend your mys - ter - y.

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Summer at Northlea United...

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 – 10:30 am – Summer Worship at Northlea United with Rev. Warren McDougall

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 10:30 am – Summer Worship at Northlea United with Rev. Warren McDougall

Monday, September 1, 2025 – Note the office will be closed for the statutory holiday.

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 10:30 am – Worship with our new minister! Rev. Bronwyn Corlett and Communion.

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal. Join the choir for another season of fellowship and song. After our first rehearsal we'll have a little wine and cheese! If you like to sing and can carry a tune, come and join us. And if you can read music, that's a definite plus!

Saturday, September 13, 2025 – 12:00 – 2:00 pm – Harvest Festival

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara

Clothing Drive Drop Off for Flemingdon Park:

- Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – For the Love of Singing Community Choir begins for 10 weeks just \$75/person.

Ongoing Activities:

Wednesdays: For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – Begins September 24 and continues until November 26, 2025 - \$75/person.

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle will resume September 11, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice will resume September 4, 2025

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Warren McDougall will be reflecting on John 14: 15-17, 25-27

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