



Northlea United Church

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

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*Flower from the Northlea garden*

**August 24, 2025**  
**Eleventh 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](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:**

Rev. Warren McDougall - Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Karen Davidson – Song Leader

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

Stephen Popiel - 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.

**416 425 5252 or [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)**

**\*\* Unless otherwise indicated: Prayers (various) are taken from “The United Church of Canada – Gathering - resources for worship planners Pentecost 1 2025 Year C Worship, Music, and Spirituality ISSN-0823-1869 1.9 M 02/25 2025CRT90 CH11207**

**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, August 24, 2025**

*\* indicates where the congregation is to stand.*

**Today, we welcome Rev. Warren McDougall as our Guest Minister  
and we extend that welcome to the congregations of Leaside United and Leaside Presbyterian.**

**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:**

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
**inviting us to worship.**

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
**inviting us by love.**

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
**calling us by name, calling us to grow in faith, calling us to be made new.**

We are invited to worship,  
**and we come.**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

*(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)*

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn: Gather Your People**

**Bob Hurd, see page 7**

**\*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:**

**Stephen Popiel**

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 14:15-17, 25-27**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Solo: O Spirit, Send Doubt**

**Music by Sally Ann Morris, Words by David Bjorlin**

1. Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to fact that harden to doctrines obscure and abstract.  
Come teach us the wisdom of story and song that help us live answers beyond right and wrong.
2. Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to pride and builds bigger walls to keep others outside.  
Come teach us the wisdom of letting you choose the scope and extravagance of your good news.

3. Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to fear of all that is foreign, uncommon, or queer.  
Come teach us the wisdom of all we find strange that baffles our bias and leads us to change.
4. Spirit, send doubt as a gift of your grace to topple the idols still shrouding your face.  
Come teach us the wisdom of all we yet know, for only in wonder can faith finally grow.

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## Reflection: Age of the Spirit

### ❖ Responding ❖

**\*Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God – (VU 382)**

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## Invitation to the Offering

**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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## 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: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet – (VU 245)**

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## **\*Sending Forth and Blessing:**

Go into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

And now may the grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the holy Spirit keep you.  
Go in peace!

*(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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## \*Opening Hymn: Gather Your People

Bob Hurd

With a gospel swing ♩ = c. 112

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Refrain



Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Gath - er your



peo - ple O Lord. One \_\_\_\_\_ bread, one \_\_\_\_\_ bod - y, one \_\_\_\_\_ spir - it of



love. \_\_\_\_\_ Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Verses



1. Draw us forth to the ta - ble of life: broth - ers and sis - ters,
2. We are parts of the bod - y of Christ, need - ing each oth - er,
3. No more harm on the moun - tain of God: swords in - to plow - shares.



1. each of us called to walk in your light. \_\_\_\_\_
2. each of the gifts the Spir - it pro - vides. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Free us, O Lord, from hard - ness of heart. \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God – (VU 382)**



1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4. Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I ne - ver die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do\_\_ what thou wouldst do.  
un - til my will is one with thine, to do\_\_ and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words by Edwin Hatch 1878. Music by Robert Jackson 1888.

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From page 6:

**\*Closing Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet – (VU 245)**



1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trum - pet, Praise the Lord with the

2. Praise the Lord with the crash - ing cym - bal, Praise the Lord with the



harp and lute, Praise the Lord with the gen - tle sound - ding flute.

pipe and string, Praise the Lord with the joy - ful songs you sing.



Praise the Lord in the field and for - est, Praise the Lord in the cit - y square,

Praise the Lord on a week - day morn - ing, Praise the Lord on a Sun - day noon,



Praise the Lord an - y - time and an - y - where.

Praise the Lord in the

Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the



wind and sun - shine, Praise the Lord in the dark of night, Praise the Lord in the

time of sor - row, Praise the Lord in the time of joy, Praise the Lord ev - ery



rain or snow or in the morn - ing light

Praise the Lord in the

mo - ment; noth - ing let your praise de - stroy.

Praise the Lord in the



deep - est val - ley, Praise the Lord on the high - est hill,

peace and qui - et Praise the Lord in your work or play,



Praise the Lord; nev - er let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord ev - ery - where in ev - ery

way!

## Summer at Northlea United...

For Emergency Pastoral Care, contact the office: office@northleaunited.ca or 416 425 5252, x1

**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 Northlea 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 with vendors and treats and fun for the whole family!

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025** – 7:30 pm – Taizé with Marc McNamara; we begin a new season of Taizé at Northlea and all are welcome to share an alternative service of music and meditative connection in the middle of your busy week.

**Clothing Drive Drop Off for Flemingdon Park:** gently used or new clothes for all ages

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

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – For the Love of Singing Community Choir begins for 10 weeks just \$75/person. Come to Northlea for fun and singing and bring a friend. The music is secular pulling from musicals and folk/pop and there's no performance at the end. Let the office know if you are planning to come. Cheque or cash can be brought to the first session.

### 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 11, 2025



## Harvest Festival

Sat. Sep. 13  
12:00 - 2:00 pm



## Into Fall

at Northlea United!



## Taizé

with Marc McNamara

Tues. Sep 16 - 7:30 pm

meditative music & connection

additional dates: Oct. 21 & Nov. 18

2 DAYS to GIVE X 2!

## Clothing Drive

Thurs. Sep. 18 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sat. Sep. 20 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



## Community Food Drive

Oct. 25 - 9 am - 1 pm

Oct. 26 - 10 am - noon



10 weeks \$75/ea



## For the Love of Singing Community Choir is back!

Wed. Sep. 24 - Nov 26. - 7:30 pm

Find us at:  
125 Brentcliffe Rd, Leaside  
[northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca) 416 425 5252

## Sunday Worship

Every Sunday Morning

10:30 am

In-person &  
livestreamed



**Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Warren McDougall will be reflecting on 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca).