



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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Rose by Susan Frank (photo by Tricia)

August 31, 2025

Twelfth 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. 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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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:

Rev. Warren McDougall - Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Song Leader

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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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Northlea United Church
Sunday, August 31, 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:**

**We are called here by our holy God,
who calls us each by name,
and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

From every corner of our lives,

we are called into God's presence.

Young and old, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken,

we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

unity, joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: Welcome Table



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.

*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:

Diana Bennett

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: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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

Thanks be to God!

Solo: Here, O God, Your Servants Gather – (VU 362)

Words: Tokuo Yamaguchi, Trans. and para. Everett M. Stowe alt.

1. Here, O God, your servants gather, hand we link with hand, looking to our Saviour's cross, joined in love we stand. As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray: Jesus, Saviour, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
2. Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands, yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands. Ev'n in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth: Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
3. Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease; where, O where, can weary souls find the source of peace? Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife: Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
4. Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love; help us as we work and pray, send us from above truth and courage, faith and pow'r needed in our strife: Jesus, Saviour, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

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Reflection: Needing to be Right

❖ Responding ❖

***Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds – (VU 602)**

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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: God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) – (MV 28)**

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***Sending Forth and Blessing:**

Go and join Christ in the world;
healing and speaking words of freedom,
witnessing to the sacred in the midst of life.
May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.
Amen!

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

***Amen: Jim Strathdee – (VU 974)**



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Postlude



**We offer deep gratitude for the time that
Rev. Warren McDougall
has spent with us this summer!**

Music List

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***Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds – (VU 602)**



Blest be___ the tie___ that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
Be - fore___ our Mak - er's throne we pour___ our ar - dent prayers;
We share___ each oth - er's woes; each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
This glo - rious hope___ re - vives our cour - age on___ the way;



the u - ni - ty___ of heart and mind is like___ to that___ a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,___ our com - forts and___ our cares.
and of - ten for___ each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
that we___ shall live___ in per - fect love___ in God's e - ter - nal day.

Music attrib. Johann G. Nägeli 1728; arr. Lowell Mason 1845. Words by John Fawcett 1782, alt.

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

Verse



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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***Closing Hymn: God of the Bible – (MV 28)**

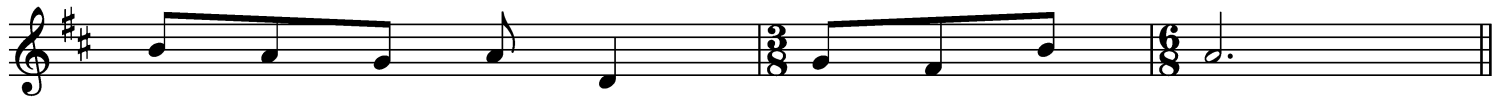
Verses



1. God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,
2. God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,
3. Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,
4. Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der
5. Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,



1. hope yet to come, you are our cen - tre, day - light or dark - ness,
2. tak - ing our part, still you em - pow'r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,
3. gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,
4. change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,
5. ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,



1. free - dom or pris - on you are our home.
2. feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
3. birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.
4. small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.
5. till our world chang - es fac - ing the Cross.

Refrain



Fresh as the morn-ing, sure as the sun-rise, God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.



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Autumn is around the corner at Northlea United...

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 24th, 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

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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

Sunday Worship

Every Sunday Morning
10:30 am
In-person &
livestreamed



Find us at:
125 Brentcliffe Rd, Leaside
northleaunited.ca 416 425 5252

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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

The graphic is a rectangular invitation for a Harvest Festival. It features a white background with a brown border. At the top, there is a string of colorful pennant flags in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The text is centered and reads: "Northlea United Church invites you to our Harvest FESTIVAL". "Harvest" is in a large, dark red script font, and "FESTIVAL" is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time are given: "Saturday, September 13, 2025" and "From 12 Noon to 2 p.m." in a dark red sans-serif font. At the bottom, the activities and location are listed: "Vendors, Music, Kids Games, Hot Dogs" flanked by small dark red circles, and "125 Brentcliffe Road" below it. The bottom of the graphic is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, along with small clusters of red berries.

Northlea United Church
invites you to our

Harvest FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 13, 2025
From 12 Noon to 2 p.m.

● Vendors, Music, Kids Games, Hot Dogs ●
125 Brentcliffe Road

Taizé



an evening of reflection & meditation.

With Marc McNamara
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
7:30—8:15 pm

Looking for an oasis of
prayer, meditation & music in your busy life?

Come to Northlea for Taizé in the Sanctuary

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Northlea United Church's

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