

*Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship
Northlea United Church*

Sunday, October 23, 2011 10:30 am
Minister – Reverend Jim McKnight
Music Director – Marc McNamara



*Autumn Worship Celebration
Peace Sunday*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 14:27, NIV)

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

There are times during the service when the congregation stands, following the lead of the choir. At these times, please stand as you are comfortable and able.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Introit: Sing Praises

Taizé

Call to Worship (Jennifer Watts):

One: We come together on this Peace Sunday,
our ears wide open with love.

**All: We come ready to nourish our spirits
and renew our commitment to peace.**

One: We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

**All: May we bear peace in our hearts
and be peacemakers in our communities.**

One: Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us,
an unending source of peace and compassion.

**All: Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace
for the benefit of all Creation.**

Opening Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation

VU 227

Lighting the Christ Candle and Invocation

The Peace:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

VU 955

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we come together as your neighbours and your friends, and all of us, your children. Here, we set aside the conflicts of our days, knowing there are things much more important, causes close to heart, and dear to hopes of living fully every day, and each day, full of joy. Gracious God, be with us. Make healing friendships of our lives with all the world, and guide us in the ways that are of Jesus, Prince of Peace, and dear Companion, and our Friend. This we pray in Jesus' name...

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

VU 921

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Hymn: O, Sing to Our God

VU 241

Theme Conversation

After the Theme Conversation, the children and leaders are invited to go to Cool Church. Children ages 4 to 11 go to the classrooms in the Lower Hall, pre-teens and teens (ages 12 to 15) go to the Youth Room upstairs, and infants and toddlers (newborns to 3 years) go to the Nursery on the main floor. Children who are visiting are invited and welcomed to join in!

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious Holy Spirit, surround us in your presence and your peace, that we might hear you well, and know you close, and live your presence in this world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

NIV 151

One: Moses sees the land that he's been promised;

All: and we know the course his followers will take.

Congregational Reading - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17:

One: O Lord, you have always been our home. Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternally God, and will be God forever.

All: You tell us to return to what we were; you change us back to dust. A thousand years to you are like one day; they are like yesterday, already gone, like a short hour in the night.

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One: We are carried away like a flood; we last no longer than a dream. We are like grass that sprouts in the morning, that grows and bursts into bloom, then dries up and dies in the evening.

All: How much longer will we feel condemnation? Have pity, O Lord, on your servants! Fill us each morning with your constant love, so that we may sing and be glad all our life.

One: Give us now as much happiness as the sadness that was ours during all our years of misery.

All: Let us, your servants, see your mighty deeds; let our descendants see your glorious might. Lord our God, may your blessings be with us. Give us success in all we do!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

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NIV 699**

One: The commandment that is God's is one for life.

All: It is the heart and soul and promise of our living!

Anthem: For God So Loved the World

Dale Grotenhuis

Sermon: The Wonder of It All

Hymn: Come to My Heart

VU 661

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering is Received

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

VU 539

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for your love and understanding, and for the promise of the future we can make - we and you, together. Be with us now, we pray, and bless the gifts we give, that we might be a blessing in this world of so much need. We pray in Jesus' name, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VU 333

Commissioning

Choral Benediction and Amen

VU 963

Postlude