

*Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship
Northlea United Church*

Sunday, October 16, 2011 10:30 am

Minister – Reverend Jim McKnight

Music Director – Marc McNamara



*World Food Sunday
Celebration of Baptism*

*Sleep my child
and peace attend thee,
All through the night
Guardian angels
God will send thee,
All through the night
Soft the drowsy hours
are creeping
Hill and vale in slumber
sleeping,
I my loving vigil keeping
All through the night.*

*While the moon
her watch is keeping
All through the night
While the weary world
is sleeping
All through the night
O'er thy spirit gently
stealing
Visions of delight revealing
Breathes a pure and holy
feeling
All through the night.*

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: Blessing for Families

Eleanor Daley

Call to Worship (as printed on the back of the Order of Service)

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

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:

Loving God, your promise and your gift to us is life, and affirmation. In you, we find our purpose and our soul. In you, we find our heart and inspiration, the fullness of our life, and of our vision. Be near us now, we pray. Strengthen us, and breathe in us your Spirit, that we might realize, anew or once again, the hope and wonder of the life that's ours to live - for you, and one another, and for a world that hungers. This we pray in Jesus' name...

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

VU 921

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Invitation to Baptism

Baptismal Hymn : I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

VU 644

Baptismal Prayer:

Gracious Saviour, we thank you for the precious gift of water that sustains us and gives life. We pray the Holy Spirit will be with us in a special way, dwelling deeply here in water, and community, and touch, so the wonder of your love will be expressed in all we do, for Jesus' sake. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Baptismal Blessing: May God Who Creates You

VU 454

After the Baptism service 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!

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious Holy Spirit, shed your light on the words we hear, that they might be as words of life, and bring your vibrancy of soul to all we do. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

NIV 699

One: This Jesus understands our human living;

All: he knows our needs of body and of spirit.

Anthem: Be Thou My Vision

John Hudson

Sermon: Perspective for Life

Hymn: For the Faithful Who Have Answered

VU 707

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering is Received

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

VU 541

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of life and, in our lives, for possibility and hope and truth. Receive the gifts we give, we pray, and all the ways we give them, and transform them into living ways for Jesus' sake. This we pray in Jesus' name.

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn: We Are Marching

VU 646

Commissioning

Choral Benediction and Amen

VU 963

Postlude