



Rideau Park United Church

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Lent V

Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 10:00am

Rev. Jim Baldwin

Guest Organist Barbara Jeffrey

Iain Macpherson, Music Ministry Coordinator Geoff Scollick, Custodian
James Seyler, Interim Organist Kiersten Robison, Administrator

Please note:

Audio loops are available from the ushers.

Prayer requests for today's service can be noted on the lists at the entrances.

Sunday School: Primary (grades 1-3) Kindergarten room; **Junior** (grades 4-6) Beecroft Balcony; **Senior** (grades 7 and up) Parlour.

Childcare for preschoolers: room B13, located in lower hallway. Quiet activity boxes are available for children in the chapel.

Rideau Park is an Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds.

We acknowledge, with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of the unceded Algonquin land where this church is built.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

Out of the depths I cry to you,

O God, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O God, should mark iniquities,
who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for God; my soul waits,

and in God's word I hope;

my soul waits for God

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, don't lose hope!

For with our God there is steadfast love,

and great power to redeem.

**Indeed, Israel will be redeemed
from all its iniquities.**

Sung Response: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Opening Prayer: (Inspired by Mark 5:21-43)

Loving God,

we are yours.

We come as we are,

with our cares and concerns.

We long to touch you

and find healing in your embrace.

Strengthen our faith

and heal our brokenness,

that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

***Hymn:**

Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

Theme Presentation

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Kristie Marr

Anthem: Dem Bones (arr. B. Harding)

Message: Acornology

***Hymn:** My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Responsive Prayer:

We choose not to give in to fear:

**Even when we are threatened by violence and abuse,
we choose to believe in the power of love.**

We choose not to be led by despair:

**Even when dreams fail and the world
seems to grow colder and more broken,
we choose to believe in the power of hope.**

We choose not to be blinded by cynicism:

**Even when joy and celebration feel naïve and frivolous,
we choose to believe in the power of faith.**

We choose not to be over-awed by death:

**Even when grief shuts out all other voices,
we choose to believe in the power of life.**

**In every time,
in each place,
with all people,
may your resurrection rise up within us,
and lead us to new, creative, healing choices. Amen.**

Music: When You Believe C. Harris, A Sperry

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology:** Your Work O God Needs Many Hands VU 537

Offering Prayer

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn:** In Suffering Love VU 614

***Commissioning and Benediction:** (Inspired by John 11:1-45)

Come out! Jesus commands,

**And calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.**

Come out! Jesus cries,

And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Come out! Jesus calls,

And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

We will go out!

Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

We will go out!

**Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,
carried on our lips and in our loving arms.**

We will go out!

Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

We will go out on the breath of God's holy wind!

***Sung Response:** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU 586

Postlude

Upcoming Services & Events

<https://www.rideaupark.ca/news-events/calendar-of-events/>

Sun, Mar 22	UCW Bakesale – Unit 7	11:15am
	Earth Hour	8:30pm
Sun, Mar 29	Palm Sunday	10:00am
	Spring Jazz Concert: The Stan Clark Orchestra	7:00pm
Thurs, Apr 2	Maundy Thursday Potluck (sign-up required)	5:30pm
	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00pm
Fri, Apr 3	Good Friday Service	10:00am
	Office Closed	
Sun, Apr 5	Easter Sunday Service	10:00am
Mon, Apr 6	Office Closed	
Sun, Apr 12	Annual Congregational Meeting	11:15am
Fri, Apr 17	Nearly New Sale	6:00-8:00pm
Sat, Apr 18	Nearly New Sale	9-11:30am