



# Rideau Park United Church

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## Palm Sunday Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 10:00am

Rev. Jim Baldwin

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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:

The King is coming!

**Our God arrives, clothed in frail human flesh,  
riding a meek donkey's foal.**

This is not the first time You have come to us, O God

The history of human affairs

is the history of Your arrival among us,

**As Creator, Purpose-Giver, Liberator,**

**Prophet's voice and Priest's desire.**

The story of each of our lives is the story of Your coming to us,

**As Comforter, Friend, Example,**

**Challenger, Abundant-Life-Provider,**

**And so, we praise You;**

Open our eyes to Your Presence, King Jesus;

Come to us again;

**Hosanna! Save us! And be glorified among us.**

**For You are our God. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21:1-8

Mark Shulist

### Response:

Matthew 21:9-11

Mark Shulist

The crowds that went ahead of him

and those that followed shouted,

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!”**

**“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

**“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem,

the whole city was stirred and asked, **“Who is this?”**

And the crowds answered,

**“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

### \*Palm Parade!

### \*Hymn:

All Glory, Laud and Honour

VU 122

### Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark Shulist

**Hymn:** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

VU 570

## **Theme Presentation**

**Anthem:** Ride On! Ride On! (Graham George)

**Message:** Procession to the Cross

### **Responsive Prayer:**

We call you 'King', Jesus,  
but you're not like any king we've ever heard of;

**You don't flaunt your power,  
waving your hand dismissively  
to change the lives of your subjects;  
You don't hoard your wealth,  
and tax your people just to grow more comfortable  
in your isolated palace;  
You don't exploit the weak and unconnected,  
or use the ambition of ladder-climbers  
to further your control.**

No, you are the King who lays down his crown,  
to walk among us as one of us;

You are the King who lays down his life,  
to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it;

You are the King who draws  
the weak, the rejected, the poor, the child  
into the center of the conversation  
and into the heart of where real power lies.

**You, Jesus, are the UnKing – the King whose Kingdom,  
redefines everything we know  
and will continue to do so for eternity. Amen.**

**Music:** Ride On, King Jesus

A. Sperry, C. Harris

## **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:** Lift High the Cross

VU 151

### **\*Commissioning Prayer:**

Ride on King Jesus!

Upon a colt, over cloaks, under branches –

**Ride on King Jesus!**

Towards a city, through its gates, past the crowds –

**Ride on King Jesus!**

As Hosannas fade and enemies sneer,

as danger closes and friends falter –

**Ride on King Jesus!**

Showing the way, teaching the truth, bringing life for all.

**Ride on King Jesus!**

**And show us the way, that we may walk with you.**

**\*Sung Response:** Prepare the Way of the Lord

VU 10

## Postlude

### **Upcoming Services and Events**

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

Sun, Mar 29	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	9:00-11:30am
Sun, Apr 19	Earth Sunday	10:00am
Sun, Apr 26	Guest Speaker: Georgina Fitzgerald	10:00am
	Pro Organo Recital: In memory of Dianne Ferguson	3:00pm