

Easter 2

Sunday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.



Jesus came
and stood
among them
saying
Peace
be with
you
JOHN 20:26

Rideau Park United Church

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

Easter 2, Sunday, April 28, 2019

We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting the Chancel Candles: (2 Samuel 22:29-NKJV)

For you are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord shall enlighten my darkness.

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: We come with open hearts and spirits, for God calls us to witness a resurrection.

ALL: We come ready to embrace God's holy mystery.

ONE: May all that we offer, in word and symbol, in song and silence, be our thanksgiving.

ALL: For the new life that surprises us.

ONE: Every Sunday is Easter Sunday.

ALL: Let us worship!

*** Processional Hymn: 224 VU Sing a Happy Hallelujah Stansfield**
(Children and youth are invited to go out to Sunday School classes.)

*Prayer of Approach

Prayer: *(unison - seated)*

Risen Jesus, we thank you for your greeting "Peace be with you." The shalom of God, deep lasting peace. Peace that brings inner calm, and proclaims the good news with courage and with joy. This is the peace that reconciles – but not a peace that is quiet in the face of injustice. This is peace with God, peace that passes understanding, the peace of Christ.

Amen. *(a time of silent reflection and prayer)*

Sung refrain: 95 MV How Deep the Peace Lynn Bauman

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Responsive reading: p.837 VU Psalm 118:19-29

(parts 3 and 4, with sung refrain)

Anthem:	“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” Chancel Choir	W.L Dawson
Scripture reading: John 20:19-29		Lay Reader: John Scollick
Sermon:	Inside Comedy: with Jesus	Elizabeth Bryce
*Hymn: VU 166	Joy Comes with the Dawn	Dawn

OUR RESPONSE

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering

Offertory Music:

Soloist:

“Ave Maria”

Jessyca Morgan

W. Gomez

***Presentation Hymn: 179 VU – Hallelujah, hallelujah give thanks**

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

ONE: May God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts,

ALL: We lift them up to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

ONE: O God, You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within each creature an amazing ability to imagine new life, so that your creation might be renewed and reborn, season by season. Today we give you thanks for new life, and the grace to believe that we can be partners in this new creation with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

ONE: You provided wise men and women as leaders for your people to show them the path to Life. You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to powers that promoted war and death. You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

ONE: It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning and remember together how on the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat. This my body, given for you.* In the same way he took the cup, saying: *This cup is the new covenant for the forgiveness of all brokenness. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

ALL: Unite us in the living Christ, we pray, and with all who seek to follow in the way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place.

ONE: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup. Fill us with your life-giving Spirit and lead us ever more faithfully as the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen and Hallelujah!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Everyone is welcome to join us in communion. This is God's banquet, the table is open to all.

Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

***Hymn: 122 MV This Is the Day** (alternate English and French verses) Bruce Harding

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Rideau Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming faith community, inclusive of all, including those of different economic, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We have recently begun a study process with the goal of becoming an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

May 5	Bells in Spring Concert	7:00pm
May 12	Christian Family Sunday- Mother's Day	10:00am
May 12	Affirming Ministry Congregational Vote	11:00am

An invitation to seniors to join us at Rideau Park, in the sanctuary, for a special service, including communion, **TODAY, at 3:00 p.m.** followed by tea and delicious baking afterwards. A good time to see old friends! Hope to see everyone there!

*To everyone who came out and gave so much of their time and effort for the success of this year's **Nearly New and Book Sale**, we thank you very much! It is always hard work, but so worth it, and your efforts are sincerely appreciated!*

Wednesdays, May 1 – May 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Coffee Break: A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage.



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday will take place this year on **Sunday, May 5**. Please join us to celebrate the commitment and accomplishments of the many volunteers that it takes to keep Rideau Park going. The presentation will put a special spotlight on one group who work to support our ministry in a way you may not be aware of. This year we are honouring volunteers in our Healing Pathway ministry.

The "Bells In Spring" Concert: Sunday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.: Our annual Massed Handbell Concert will feature guest bell ringing ensembles from three other Ottawa churches, and the **five handbell and chimes choirs of Rideau Park!** An evening of wonderful music you won't want to miss! Freewill offering.



Attention Students! Rideau Park is in need of caretaking help for five weeks, between **July 1 and August 27**. Work hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. five days a week, except for the week of vacation Bible School (August 19-23) when the hours are 2:00pm -6:00pm. Flexibility of hours are an option for discussion. Duties will include light custodial duties, care and maintenance of the grounds, set up for groups meeting in the church, attendance at weddings and funerals and other duties as required.

Gentle Yoga, Spring Session - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 3 - May 29, AND/OR 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 5 - May 31, a gentle flow mat class. **Chair Yoga is also offered on Friday, 10:30am, April 5 - May 31**. More info & fees, Lynda Spalding, 613-422-3565 or 4livingyoga@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00p.m. Join us for **“The Joy of Gardening/Caring for Creation” workshop!** Learn how to be an environmentally friendly gardener with Katheryn Forster, one of our partners in the Apartment Sustainability Office. Everyone welcome!



Don't forget that on **Thursday, May 9** there will be *no children's' choirs or bells/chimes rehearsals!* It will be the music program dinner/dessert celebration! More details to follow!

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 am service – Christian Family Sunday: On this Sunday we celebrate mothers and all who nurture faith in our “chosen” church family. We celebrate Sunday School and music programs for children and youth, and their leaders. This is the last Sunday for Sunday School classes, but childcare will continue to be available through the summer months.

Sunday, May 12, 11:00 am – Immediately following the service, we will be holding a **congregational vote** for members and adherents on whether Rideau Park should be designated as an **Affirming Ministry**. We have spent two years in discussion, and passed an inclusive Vision statement. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Affirming Ministries Working Group, or Steve or Elizabeth.

Friday, May 17, 7:00 pm – A Film Night: to mark International Day to End Homophobia and Transphobia. Featuring the 2018 film “A kid like Jake” about parents who struggle to understand their young son’s gender dysphoria.

On Friday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. there will an evening of refreshments and door prizes in support of this fall's production of **Andrew Ager's opera "Frankenstein"**. This promises to be a fun and interesting night, and includes a chance to win **"Dinner for Two at Arturo's" on June 10 - with the Monster!** Admission by \$20.00 cover charge or by purchase of ticket to the opera at EVENTBRITE.CA or at the door on June 7. Tickets are already going fast...

*The next deadline for submissions to **ChurchPost** is **Friday, May 3 at noon**. Please email your notices to Nancy McPherson at nmcperson@rogers.com. Many thanks!*



Welcome to Rideau Park United Church. Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's services can be noted on the lists at the entrances. Childcare for pre-schoolers is available in room B-12 (lower hallway). Quiet activity boxes are also available for children in the chapel each Sunday. **Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

Register now for Camp Awesome 2019, August 19 - 23: This Christian day camp program at the church serves children aged 4 -12. Led by trained staff, activities include games, crafts, drama, singing, water fun and learning about important topics. The Camp runs each day from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children bring their lunch. **Cost per camper is \$80.00 if you register by June 16, and \$90.00 after.** *Optional childcare is available each day before and after the Camp for a fee.* To register online, click Camp Awesome on the home page of www.rideaupark.ca.



Healing Pathway: Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 12:30 and 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.** To book an appointment, please email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered in the Chapel, immediately following the service, every Sunday of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

Notes from Council meeting April 24th

- Council is doing a spiritual exercise which involves paying attention to where God is at work in our church right now;
- Dianne Keevil-Harrold was appointed a Trustee for their next meeting;
- Ministry and Personnel will set up a Search Committee for a new custodian, using an updated job description;
- Congregational Development is working with Property Renewal to install and program a digital monitor in the Beecroft lobby;
- Repairs to the Music office will be followed by air quality testing;
- Council decided not to disburse funds available from the Foundation at this time. There will be another call for applications in the fall.
- We approved new Terms of Reference for the Douglas Ian Brown Memorial Fund.
- There was discussion about fundraising and funding large projects;
- Council discussed hopes and a timeline for the Strategic Plan working group;
- Next meeting: June 19, 2019.

Once every ten years the Passion Play is performed by local residents in the German town of Oberammergau. Rev. Kim Vidal is hosting a 14 day tour (July 31st to August 13th, 2020) which includes Oberammergau, Berlin, Prague, Munich & Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation. A discount of \$300. is available until June 30th. Ask Georgina for a brochure.

Activities Calendar: April 28 – May 5

Sunday

Easter 2 Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Coffee Time	11:15am	Beecroft
Drumming	11:30am	B-13
Senior Service/Tea	3:00pm	Sanctuary/Parlour

Monday:

Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
UCW Executive	12:30pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Tuesday:

50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Gardening workshop	7:00pm	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Wednesday:

Coffee Time!	9:30am	Parlour
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Parlour
Worship/Music	7:30pm	Parlour

Thursday:

50+ Fitness	9:00pm	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Healing Pathway	12:30pm	B-9
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12
NoteAble Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-13
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	B-12
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	8:00pm	Sanctuary

Friday

Morning Yoga	9:00am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	10:30am	Parlour

Saturday

Group for Friends	6:30pm	Parlour
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Coffee Hour Volunteer

April 28 Doug & Elaine Robertson
Gerri & Greig Scott

May 5 Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea
Roebuck
Shailjah Verma

May 12 Susan & Colin Townsend
Karin Ott & Bruce Dixon

Sunday Duty Officers

April 28 Lynn Sherwood

May 5 Maureen Stark

May 12 Merina Shulist

Counting Volunteers

April 29 Lois Jensen

May 6 Rod Hagglund

May 13 Christel Kurz

Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm

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