

Rideau Park United Church: March 15, 2020 – Lent 3

Gathering Music - Lighting of Chancel Candles:

*Call to Worship:

ONE: Holy God has given us water to refresh us;

ALL: Bread to break and share together;

ONE: and the Spirit to mend our brokenness.

ALL: Let us worship together;

ONE: In this place, on this day, with all our hearts.

ALL: Amen!

* **Processional Hymn: 245 VU – Praise the Lord**

* Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Prayer of Confession: from Iona Abbey

ONE: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness;

To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, the life of the world.

ALL: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ONE: Amen.

ALL: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness;

To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, the life of the world.

ONE: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, And the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ALL: Amen.

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Hymn: 62 MV – There is room for all

A Time for all God's Children

(the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

Responsive reading: **814 VU – Psalm 95, part one with sung refrain**

Music:

Scripture reading: John 4:1-29 *Lay Reader: John Young*

Sermon: E. Bryce

***Hymn: 144 MV – Like a healing stream**

Offering

Offertory Music:

*Offertory Response: **541 VU**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures high and low

Give thanks to God in love made known

Creator, Word and Spirit, One!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

- Minute for Mission, Multifaith Housing Initiative

***Hymn: 676 VU – God make us servants**

Commissioning and Benediction

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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. 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.



Upcoming Worship Events

March 22	Food Bank Sunday	10:00 a.m.
March 29	Healing Pathway	10:00 a.m.
April 5	Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.

Join the Social Action and Outreach Committee **today at 11:45 a.m. for a Lunch and Learn with Multi Faith Housing Initiative.** In Ottawa, thousands of individuals and families are without permanent homes or adequate temporary living facilities. How do you make a change? Come and find out from MFI representatives.

Wednesday, March 18, 7:15 pm – Lenten Reflections: “Pray then in this way.” This week features prayer in a Forest Church – with parts of the program indoors and outdoors – **dress appropriately!**

March Break: There will be **NO music programming for children and youth or Hearsay on March 19.** There will be **NO handbell practices** (March 16, 17) for the adult groups, **NO 50+ Fitness** classes during March Break (March 17, 19), and **NO Jungle Book Rehearsal on March 21.**

The **Food Drive for Heron Emergency Food Centre will be Sunday, March 22nd.** Come early and have coffee and muffins that you can bring into the Sanctuary. If you are willing to help by bringing muffins, there is a sign-up sheet on the green “Help Wanted” Board at the top of the stairs to the upper hallway. There will be an informative announcement about food security and the work of **Heron Emergency Food Centre.** Non-perishable food items and/or financial support much appreciated.

Tuesday, March 24, 7:15 pm – Who Needs Church? A film and discussion evening featuring Southminster United on the need for the church by the community around it. Filmmakers Danielle Rolfe and Ed Kucerak will join us in the Parlour.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, with registration at 11:00 a.m., as members begin to gather. Cost for new memberships until closing meeting in May is \$2.00. At noon, lunch (**\$6.00**) will be served by volunteers. From 1:00-2:00 p.m., Tom Clarke will give a presentation on “Building Stoves in Guatemala in an Era of Climate Disaster and Migrant Caravans”. Please spread the word that presentations are open and free to all. For anyone who is not yet a member - to join us for lunch, registration is required by **Wednesday, March 18, by calling Carolyn Scollick at 613 745-1798. Plan to join us again on April 29, 2020.**

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am – Our morning worship will be a **service of healing prayer**, much like the one we held last year during Lent, with time for meditation and Healing Pathway practitioners.

Sunday, March 29, 11:00 – Following Sunday worship (during coffee time), come to the **UCW Unit 7 Annual Bake Sale**.

Easter Memorials: On Easter Sunday several potted flowers will enhance our Sanctuary. These flowers will be delivered to members of our congregation. In 2020 we are also creating cards with a personalized message to be given to many who would normally receive Easter flowers. The flowers and cards are intended to be a special remembrance of all our loved ones and to let those receiving the flowers or cards know that they continue to be remembered by our congregation. An insert explaining the changes is available on the tables at the two entrance doors.

Anyone who wishes may make a Memorial Donation in the name of loved ones. All names will be listed in a special Memorial Section of the Easter Sunday bulletin. Cheques should be made payable to **Rideau Park UCW** and given to either **Mabel Bannerman or Judy Paré**. The deadline to order is **Sunday, March 29**.

Funding Available from the Rideau Park Foundation Fund for Ministry

Applications are now being received for new project funding from the RP Foundation. Projects eligible for Foundation funds include those which involve experimenting with new or new approaches to ministry, outreach in our community, leadership development, special projects, and property renewal projects. Foundation funds are not intended to meet ongoing operational requirements of current projects/programs. Any member or long-term adherent of RPUC may apply, but applications must be sponsored by a committee of the church who will oversee the finances of the project. Approximately \$3,150 is available for disbursement in 2020. Applications are due by March 31, 2020 and should be submitted to the Chair of Council, Patricia Whitridge, council@rideaupark.ca and Administrator. Applications may be submitted electronically or in paper form. Please see the church website or contact the church office for more information. Funds will not be disbursed until after Council makes a decision at their April 15th meeting.

Volunteers	Coffee Hour	Sunday Duty Officer	Counting
Week of March 15	Joanne Rodgers, Ron MacPherson, Shailja Verma, Suzanne Beausejour	Mary Lynne Holton	Rod Hagglund
Week of March 22	Heather & Wayne Bennett, Glenys Pike, Pat & Gavin Currie	Jennifer MacKinnon	Christel Kurz
Week of March 29	Joann, Jon, Jessica & Chelsea Roebuck, Nancy McPherson	Shanti Inman	Garry Lindberg

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.*** After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall.

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