

Rideau Park United Church
November 3, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Candle lighting

Introit: All Who Are Thirsty

MV 4

Call to Worship: (former Moderator Richard Bott)
In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"
We will listen to Jesus' words,
"Don't be afraid!"

In a world that wants us to hate the other...
We will live Jesus' call to,
"Love God.
Love your neighbour, as you love yourself."

In a world that radicalizes...
We, too, will be radical.
Radical with our hospitality.
Radical with our hope.
Radical with our love.

Then come to this place,
ready to be who we are called to be.
Let us gather together
and worship God.

Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer (VU 921):

***Hymn:** Jesus Loves Me

VU 365

Children's Time

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146:1-10 with refrain VU 868
Serena Cadote

Music: Teach Me, O Lord

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34 Gaveen Cadotte

Message: Who Then is My Neighbour?

Responsive Prayer: We Are Blessed
You have blessed us, O God, with your Word,
Creative and life-giving,
Spoken through the ages,
In Christ, made flesh,
In our hearts known as truth;
We praise you, O God, for we are truly blessed;
Forgive us when we close our ears to your Word.

You have blessed us, O God, with your Grace,
Abundant and undeserved,
Birthing us again,
Making us your children,
Giving us a place in your family;
We praise you, O God, for we are truly blessed;
Forgive us when we close our souls to your Grace.

You have blessed us, O God, with your Love,
Indiscriminate and unfailing,
Freeing us from the law,
Revealing your glory,
Leading us to life;
We praise you, O God, for we are truly blessed;
Forgive us when we close our hearts to your Love.
In you, Incarnate God, we are saved, liberated, restored,
In you we find who we are created to be,
In you we ourselves become little incarnations
Manifesting your Word, your Grace and your Life.
For these all these gracious blessings – one after the other,
we give you thanks and praise,
Great God of Grace and Glory! Amen.

***Hymn:** When I Needed a Neighbour

600 VU

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers for Sue, who sings in the choir. At this very moment,
she is running in the NY marathon.
Those of you who know her story will remember that she was
going to compete last year, but a week before the marathon she
broke her elbow and had to withdraw. Sue has not forgotten

how supportive this congregation was during that time...and has asked for our prayers to help her reach the finish line.

Music:

The Life and Work of the Church

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** Go Make a Difference

MV 209

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

Hear this: our faith is defined by love.

Therefore go out into the world and love God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;

May Christ Jesus set you free for love;

and may the Holy Spirit go where you go

..... and protect you on your way.

We go in peace to love and serve,

...In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Amen:**

MV 112 (3x)

Postlude

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