



RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 31, 2025
10:00 am

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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.

Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's service 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

Gathering Music

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Candle Lighting

Hymn Sing

Opening Prayer: *(inspired by Matthew 5:13-20, Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 22:36-40, Luke 10:27)*

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in that love
to worship and follow Jesus.**

*Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine VU 585

Time for all God's Children

Music Offering: In the Garden Wanda Raymond

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11 Judy Paré

Message: Sermon Series: How Then Shall I Live?
Question: What is My Gift to the Family of the Earth?

***Hymn:** I Have Called You By Your Name

MV 161

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern (and Lord's Prayer)

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering Dedication:

Gracious God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,
we thank you for the diverse talents and abilities you have bestowed upon us:
our time, our energy, our unique skills, and our resources.

Help us to see these gifts not as our own, but as entrusted to us for a sacred purpose:

to reveal your love and justice in the world.

Grant us the courage to identify our gifts and the humility to share them freely, following the example of Jesus Christ.

May our actions be an outward sign

of the treasure we hold within;

pointing others to your goodness.

**May we use these blessings to comfort the hurting,
uplift the weak, and bring hope to the world.**

**Empower us to be your hands, your voice, and your heart in a world that
needs your peace and grace.**

In your merciful name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God

VU 236

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

“You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead, they put it on its stand,

and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your Father in heaven.

***Sung Response:** Go Make a Difference

MV 209

Postlude

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

Sermon Series for August:

"How Then Shall I Live?"

The series is based on Wayne Muller's book by that name, which asks the four big questions "that reveal the beauty and meaning of our lives."

August 31: What is My Gift to the Family of the Earth?

Monday, September 1

Office is closed for Labour Day

Friday, September 5

Churchpost deadline

Sunday, September 7 at 11:15am

Welcome Lunch

Monday, September 8 at 7:15

Touch of Brass starts

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:15pm

Ringing Praise starts

Tuesday, September 9 at 7:15pm

La Bell Ensemble starts

Thursday, September 11 at 4:30pm

Drums Alive! starts

Thursday, September 11 at 6:15pm

Joyful Noise starts

Thursday, September 11 at 7:15pm

Chancel Choir starts

Sunday, September 14 at 10:30am

Congregational Event: *Transition*

Sunday, September 21

Sunday School starts