



RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 21, 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 preschoolers 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

Response: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Opening Prayer: Isaac Villegas, 2019

On International Day of Peace, we pray:
Some trust in governments
and some in borders,
but we trust in God,
who invites all people to live in peace.

For the earth belongs to God,
and all creation is in God's care:
land and waters, plants and animals, sky and soil
declare the hospitality of God.

The world belongs to God,
and all who live in it.
We belong to one another as siblings,
all of us children of God.

With gratitude for the home God has made for us on this planet,
we pray:

Send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen our resolve
to strive for communities
where foreigners become neighbors
and strangers become friends.

Revive our desire for the reign of Christ,
who releases prisoners
and liberates the oppressed,
who frees the world from greed
and proclaims God's peace.

Make justice roll down like a river
and righteousness flow like an everlasting stream. Amen.

***Hymn:**

Like a Healing Stream

MV 144

Time for all God's Children

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, I Timothy 2:1-7

Crystal Kurz

Music Offering: A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter)

Message: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Prayer: Your Shalom. Deep peace. Just Peace.
(Michael Neuroth, Policy Advocate for International Issues,
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries)

Our God who was, is, and is to be...

We pray for peace.

We pray for a peace that is beyond our understanding...
beyond our limited vision, hopes, and dreams.

**We pray for an end of the reign of violence
in our communities and in our world.**

We pray for an end to war. War that kills our people,
desecrates our Earth, depletes our resources and our joy.

**We pray for an end to poverty that keeps millions from
living lives of dignity, lives without basic needs.**

On this International Day of Prayers for Peace, let us join with
all of God's creation to pray for Shalom.

Your Shalom. Deep peace. Just Peace.

For the peace that can only come from You, O God,
may your kingdom come, your peace reign, your justice roll,
your Spirit move, your love inspire...**Amen**

***Hymn:**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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

Music Offering Turn, Turn, Turn Carmen Harris and Adam Sperry

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering Dedication

***Hymn:** To Show by Touch and Word VU 427

***Sending Forth:**

As we rise from this place of worship,
let us go forth into the world
in the love and example of Christ
placing peace into each other's hands.

God's Shalom. Deep peace. Just peace. Amen

***Response:** Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands MV 173 (vs. 4, 5)

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

September 24 at 6:30pm	Kitchen Capers
September 28	Orange Shirt Sunday at Rideau Park
October 2 and 3	Nearly New Drop-off
October 3 and 4	Nearly New Sale
October 5	Food Bank Sunday
October 5	World Communion Sunday