



RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 28, 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

James Seyler

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Candle Lighting

Reconciliation Message: Billy Tong

Call to Worship (adapted from a prayer in The Dancing Sun)

We come with thanks to our Creator who is always with us:

speaking in the call of a loon and the flight of an eagle.

With thanks to our Creator, with us as seasons change:

**inviting us to rest in winter and seek new life each spring,
to grow in summer and to let go in love each fall.**

With thanks to our Creator, always with us,

whether we are with others or we are on our own:

**found in our search for new understandings of ourselves,
discovered in new visions for our communities.**

Let us give thanks to God, our Creator:

present now and always with us.

***Hymn:** Many and Great, O God Are Your Works

VU 308

Opening Prayer:

O God our Creator,

we gather today as family, as community,

conscious that we are not alone,

but blessed by all who came before us

and responsible for all who will come after us.

We are here not just as humans

but related to all living things,

to birds, animals, fish and insects, to trees

and all plant life, and all life here

because of the stones and sand and soil,

gifts of the earth, our mother,

giving life and calling us in love.

As we gather in prayer,

help us open our hearts to each other,

to all we experience around us,
each and every one our relation.
In the name of Jesus our elder brother, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU 291 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Time for all God's Children

Music Offering What You Gonna Preach

Reading: Excerpts from "Embers", by Richard Wagamese Alyce Dunnewold

Music Offering: We Must Learn to Walk Together

Message: The Task of Reconciliation

***Hymn:** For the Healing of the Nations" VU 678

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

Music Offering Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel
Carmen Harris, Adam Sperry

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering Dedication

***Hymn:** This Is God's Wondrous World VU 296

***Sending Forth:**

As vast as the expanse of land, sky and sea,
as diverse as the life that calls them home,
is the love and peace of God.
May that expansive love and peace hold and bless you,
as you in turn bring love and peace to all. **Amen!**

***Response:** May the Peace of God be Your Peace MV 222

Postlude James Seyler

*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 28	Orange Shirt Sunday at Rideau Park
September 30	Office Closed: Truth and Reconciliation Day
September 30	New Vision and Mission Statement survey deadline
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
October 5 at 4pm	Voice and Piano Recital
October 7 and 9	Turkey Pie Making
October 8	Kitchen Capers: Lasagna Roll-Ups
October 13	Office Closed: Thanksgiving
October 13	Nominations close for Ministerial Search team