

RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018 - LENT 1



The desert waits, ready for those who come,
Who come obedient to the Spirit's leading;
Or who are driven, because they will not come any other way...

And while we fear, rightly, the loneliness
And emptiness and harshness,
We forget the angels, whom we cannot see for our blindness,
But who come when God decided
That we need their help;
When we are ready for what they give.
by Ruth Burgess



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 preschoolers 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.

Sunday, February 18, 2018—LENT 1

We Gather Together

Prelude:

Lighting of Chancel Candles: Psalm 4: 6-7 Let the light of your face shine on us, O God. You have put gladness in my heart.

***Call to Worship:**

One: Sometimes we are called into the wilderness.

All: Sometimes we find ourselves in unfamiliar terrain.

One: In the spirit of Christ, let us journey together.

All: In the spirit of Christ, let us trust that God is with us.

One: Today we are embarking on the journey of Lent.

All: Today, let us worship the One who leads us to hope.

***Processional Hymn: 389 VU**

God Is Here

Blaenwern

*Prayer of Approach

Lenten Meditative Prayer:

Worship...Grow...Serve

Sung Response: 90 MV Don't Be Afraid (English and French)

John Bell

& Graham Maule

(Following the hymn, the children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes.)

Listening for God's Word

Covenanting with New Officers

Hymn: 560 VU

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
(verses 1 and 4)

Maryton

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

Lay Reader: John Scollick

Anthem:

My God is a Rock
Chancel Choir

Raney

"My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm."

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 9-15

Lay Reader: John Scollick

Sermon:

The Broken-Open Heart

Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 372 VU**

Though I May Speak

O Waly Waly (Gift of Love)

Our Response

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering

Offering Music:

Wade in the Water

arr. M. Hayes

Soloist:

Caitlin Tabbenor

"Wade in the water, children, God's gonna trouble the water."

***Presentation Hymn: 460 VU**

All Who Hunger

Holy Manna

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

ONE: May God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us lift our hearts to God.

ALL: It is good that we should offer our hearts to God.

ONE: It IS good that we should offer our hearts to God. For the Spirit of Christ invites us to be holy companions, saying: "When I walk in the wilderness, who will go with me?" Truly we should prepare our hearts for this time of trust and grace, this season of risk and transformation.

ALL: May the courage of Christ be with us and for us.

ONE: O God, at the beginning of the earth you offered up a Word, and that Word became the light of the world. At the new beginning of this season, you offer us a Word and we place that Word in our hearts.

ALL: May the courage of Christ be with us and for us.

ONE: As we enter this wilderness journey of Lent, teach us to open our hearts and minds to your Word. Enrich us with bread for the journey and a cup of blessing. Help us to remember Jesus, how he gathered his friends, and broke the bread and shared the cup among them, saying "Do this in remembrance of me." Remembering his death and resurrection, we set before you our bread and cup, thankful to be in your presence, and invited to your table.

ALL: May the courage of Christ be with us and for us.

ONE: Send your Spirit on these gifts and on our lives. Fill us with your holy mystery that we might go forth fed and empowered with your peace. And may the courage of Christ be with us and for us, Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(After you are served, please hold the bread and cup, until all can eat and drink together.)

Communion Music:

Ave Verum

W.A Mozart

"Hail true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man, whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste in the test of death."

Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

***Hymn: 195 MV**

Long Ago and Far Away

Pat Mayberry

*Commissioning

Choral Amen

Postlude:

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 News

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Upcoming Worship Events

February 21	Lenten Evening Reflections	7:15pm
February 25	Baden-Powell Sunday	10:00am
February 28	Lenten Evening Reflections	7:15pm

TODAY is Lent 1, Communion Sunday. At Rideau Park, it is tradition that communion services offer an opportunity for special donations to the Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund is used to give assistance to people in crisis. Benevolent Fund envelopes are in the bulletins today.

Healing Pathway: Healing prayer is available after church **today** in the chapel. Appointments for a full Healing Pathway session are available on Thursday afternoons, and **this evening, starting at 7:00 pm.** To book an appointment, please email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal today.

Citizens for Public Justice invites you to **“give it up for the earth”** – an appropriate Lenten project for environmentally minded Christians. You can read more and make a commitment to this project by picking up one of their cards on the counter in the upper hallway.

Winter Dinner, Friday February 23: Get your tickets! Please come and warm up with a delicious dinner of chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, vegetables and dessert. **Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome. Tickets are available on Sundays after the service, *at coffee time, or from the church office* (Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) **Adults: \$20.00 each, children 6-12 years: \$10.00 each, children 5 years old and under: eat free.** For more information, please call the office at: 613-733-3156 ext. 229.

Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m. : Andrew Ager and guest soloists will present *“Winter Dreams”*, a short concert of classical music. All are very welcome to join us. Admission by freewill contribution.

The February copy of Churchpost is now up on our website. Hard copies are only printed for those who do not have E-mail, or have expressed an interest in receiving a hard copy, instead of E-mail notification. These copies are available for pickup on the Sunday school counter *during the week*, and in the sanctuary today.

UCW Easter MEMORIALS— On Easter Sunday the Sanctuary is filled with flowers. All are placed there in remembrance of a loved one. Anyone wishing to place an Easter memorial in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning, in memory of a loved one, is asked to call Marcia Gosse at 613-731-2281 or E-mail: Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca. Cheques should be made payable to *Rideau Park UCW* and given to Mary Harris or Marcia. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 18.

UCW Easter Flower DELIVERY After Easter, the Pastoral Care team, members of the UCW and friends deliver all the flowers to over 80 members of our congregation who are on our Pastoral Care list. If you are able to help deliver lilies on Easter Sunday, please E-mail: Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca, or call Marcia Gosse at 613-731-2281.

Come to the movies! Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. Join the Social Action and Outreach Committee and the Affirming Ministries Working Group, for Movie Night featuring the film "**Carol**". "Carol" is a 2015 romantic period drama film directed by Todd Haynes. The screenplay, written by *Phyllis Nagy*, is based on the 1952 romance novel *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith (republished as *Carol* in 1990). The film stars Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, Sarah Paulson, Jake Lacy, and Kyle Chandler. Join us!

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**, beginning with registration at 11:00 a.m. At noon, lunch (cost \$6.00) will be served by volunteers. From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., John and Nancy Durkee will give a presentation on their recent visit to New Zealand and Australia. Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. For anyone who is not yet a member to join us for lunch, registration is required by Wednesday, February 21, by calling, Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798. Plan to join us again on March 28.

Please Note: Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara will be our guest speaker at the **Sunday, March 4** service. There will be a lunch following the service. If you are interested in coming, please sign up on the sheets provided, on the Help Needed bulletin board, above Georgina's office.

Important Reminder: Announcements for RPNews MUST be emailed to: adminassist@rideaupark.ca, or brought to the office, no later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesdays before** the Sunday services, please. Thank you.

Reminder: Please note that the services at Rideau Park are live-streamed on our web site: www.rideaupark.ca on Sunday mornings only, and then they are posted mid-week under "Webcast Service Archives" for your enjoyment. Good to know if you're stuck at home due to illness, or bad weather, or out of town!

Healing Pathway Course: The Phase 1 Healing Pathway Course is being offered right here at Rideau Park, **4-5 May 2018**. Phase 1 is an introduction to the basic concepts of Christian-centred healing through prayer, meditation and the laying on of hands. It focuses on learning to be a healing presence and an instrument of God's healing power. The registration fee is \$210.00 (half price for people repeating it as a refresher). Financial assistance can be requested. Flyers are posted on the bulletin board. Speak to Steve Clifton, Sharon Sanderson, or Brian Neal, or email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, for further details.

RPUC Youth! Would you like to spend a week at Taizé, France with 5000 other young people from all over the world? A bilingual and ecumenical group of young people (18-35) is planning to go there in August 2018 (dates to be decided). The week includes prayer, Bible study, sharing in small groups, cultural exchange and a lot of fun! The cost is \$1500, including round trip TGV to Taizé, and simple accommodation/food. A good portion of that cost could be covered by fundraising. Interested? Please contact Sr. Marie Pierre at 613-241-7515 or taize@101parent.ca.



Please keep in mind worshippers who have limited mobility. Parking in the parking spots beside Cunningham makes it easier for them to come to church, so if you don't have the need, please use a parking spot on the Beecroft side. Thanks.

Activities Calendar: - Feb 18 – Feb 24

Sunday:

Meditation	9:00am	B-9
Communion Service	10:00am	Sanctuary

Monday:

Family Day-Office Closed

Circle	9:30 am	B-9
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Tuesday:

50+ Fitness	9:00 am	Beecroft
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary

Wednesday:

Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft
Lenten Reflections	7:15pm	Parlour

Thursday:

50+ Fitness	9:30 am	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Euchre	1:00 pm	Parlour
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9
HearSay	6:15pm	Beecroft
KinderPraise	6:15pm	B-9
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12
Cherubs	6:15pm	B-13
Note-Able Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	B-12
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary

Friday:

Morning Yoga	9:00 am	Brackenridge
Chair Yoga	10:30 am	Brackenridge
Winter Dinner	5:00/6:30pm	Beecroft

Saturday:

Coffee Hour Volunteers
Daryl & Garry Lindberg
Wayne & Janet Bond

Feb 18

Feb 25

Keith & Mary Harris
Marlene Hutchison
Helen Beck

March 4

Ada McEwen & Morley Craig
Janet Buske-Wichser
Carolyn & John Scollick

Sunday Duty Officers

Feb 18

Maureen Stark

Feb 25

Jennifer MacKinnon

Mar 4

Nancy Begg-Durkee

Counting Volunteers

Feb 21

Lois Jensen

Feb 26

John Durkee

Mar 5

Rod Hagglund

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