

RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH
LENT 3



SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018



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 pre-schoolers 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, March 4, 2018—LENT 3

We Gather Together

Prelude: "You Raise Me Up" arr. Sandra Eithun
Touch of Brass

Introit : Expectans Expectavi (I wait patiently for the Lord) C. Wood
Chancel Choir

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: As on the first morning, God calls us to be partners in this new day.

All: And so we praise God; in song, and in prayer, and in learning.

One: As on the first morning, God has created us with infinite diversity.

All: And so we praise God, celebrating this infinite blessing.

One: As on the first morning, God names us and calls us good.

All: And so we praise God, by seeing the goodness in each other.

One: Thanks be to God! Let us worship.

***Hymn: 409 VU** Morning Has Broken Buinessan

*Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Listening for God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

Hymn: 412 VU (seated) This Is the Day This is the Day

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

Readings: The Golden Rule From Many Faiths
Read by: members of the Confirmation Class

Touch of Brass “Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” arr. Kevin McChesney

Guest Speaker: Imam Mohamad Jebara
Cordova Spiritual Education Centre

Our Response

Offering

Offering Music: Ich will nur dir zu Ehren leben J.S Bach
Soloist: Yanik Gosselin

Offering Response: 27 MV Creator God You Gave Us Life Claire

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 688 VU O Day of God, Draw Nigh St. Michael (Old 134th)**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

***Please Note: Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara, our guest speaker today,
will be attending lunch following the service. Please join us.***

Today we welcome as our guest speaker: “His Eminence Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara serves as Imam Emeritus and Resident Scholar at the Cordova Spiritual Education Center. Although he is no longer actively involved as an Imam, he continues to be an advocate for the establishment of love, harmony, friendship and understanding through interfaith and intercultural outreach, social responsibility and education. Dr. Jebara is the author of an astounding 105 academic books and has lectured at prestigious universities around the world. In addition to these unique intellectual accomplishments, he is a skilled artist, and an outdoor enthusiast; who enjoys skiing, skating, hiking among many others. He has cycled across Canada for health and social causes, raising awareness for organizations such as Heart & Stroke Foundation, Trillium Gift of Life Network, United Way Ottawa, Kiwanis Medical Foundation, and the Canadian Red Cross. Dr. Jebara was one of seven individuals chosen to represent Canada in 2011 in the Department of State's International Visitors Leadership program. In 2017 he was awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Citation for Moral Courage in the Face of Anti-Semitism.”

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!

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

March 7, 14	Lenten Reflections	7:15pm
March 21	Film Night	7:00pm
March 25	Palm/Passion Sunday	10:00am

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.

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 flowers on Easter Sunday, please E-mail: Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca, or call Marcia Gosse at 613-731-2281.

Wednesday Evening Reflections, March 7, 14, at 7:15 p.m. Come and join our discussion on the theme of **Spiritual Migration**: How does the gospel call us to be a people on the move? How do we migrate from being a church locked into certain belief systems to being a church that is mobilized for love in action? Our reflections will be guided by the work of Brian MaLaren, involving video, prayer, discussion, bible study and laughter.

Sunday, March 18 - Unit 7 will be holding their annual pre-Easter Bake Sale during coffee hour. Don't miss it!!!

PALM SUNDAY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH : March 25 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a delicious lunch of chicken and shrimp jambalaya with fruit crisp and ice cream for dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 years. Tickets go on sale next week.. Profits go to the Refugee Fund.

Global Partners, Ottawa Presbytery will meet at **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at Parkdale United Church**, 429 Parkdale Ave. The **Rev. Alcris Limongi**, Pastoral Care Minister at Parkdale United Church, will speak about current day Venezuela. Global partners welcome everyone with an interest in learning more about justice issues. Bring a bag lunch. Fair trade tea is provided.

Best Foot Forward: Improve Balance & Stability with Chair Yoga - Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. \$120.00 for 12 weeks **beginning March 14**, in Brackenridge Hall. Certified Yoga for Seniors Teacher, Lynda Spalding. For more information, please contact Lynda at: 4livingyoga@gmail.com or 613-422-3565.

Saturday, March 17, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Ottawa Inter-Faith **E-Recycling Program** will hold a collection on at Rideau Park. Bring your old TV's, VCRs, DVD, Blu-Ray players, audio and stereo equipment, cameras, phones and cellular devices, laptops, computers and all accessories, printers, speakers, remotes, gaming systems, etc. Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) will recycle the used electronics. Proceeds will be shared by the Syrian Youth Project and the Social Action's Environment Committee.

The Living Apology Project: Iridesce. On **Sunday, March 18** we will welcome Aaron Miechkota to Rideau Park. Aaron is the national project coordinator for Iridesce. Aaron will help us to reflect on stories of inclusion and exclusion with respect to LGBTQ2 people and the Church and will be with us in our service at 10:00 a.m., for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and will lead us in a workshop beginning at 12:30 p.m. At General Council 42, the United Church of Canada voted to support a national project of story-sharing with people affected by the Church's 1988 decision — when the church declared that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcome as full members, and all members are eligible to be considered for ordered ministry. These stories would then help the church to discern if, and how, it might live into a possible apology to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and Two-Spirit people (LGBTQ2). The official name of the project is Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. The word Iridesce expresses a vision of infusing the colours of the rainbow flag with the love and light of God... into iridescent colours that seem to transform when seen from different perspectives. On Sunday March 18 Aaron will share with us at 10:00 a.m. and then after lunch at 11:30 a.m., she will lead us in a workshop. The time for the workshop is 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. So it's service at 10:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and workshop at 12:30 p.m. Please feel free to come on March 18, and please share the invitation to the workshop widely. It will be open to all in church and community. Speak to the ministers, or to Alyce Dunnewold for more information.

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.

Funding Available from the Rideau Park Foundation Fund for Ministry - Applications are now being received for new project funding from the Rideau Park Foundation. Projects eligible for Foundation funds include those involving experimenting with new approaches to ministry, outreach in our community, leadership development, special projects, and property renewal projects. Foundation funds are not intended to meet ongoing operational requirements of current projects/programs. Any member or long-term adherent of Rideau Park United Church may apply, but applications must be sponsored by a committee of the church who will oversee the finances of the project. Approximately \$6,109 is available for disbursement in 2018. **Applications are due by March 29, 2018.** Please submit to the Administrator, Debi Brown (administrator@rideaupark.ca) for the attention of the Chair of Council, Marcia Gosse. Applications may be submitted electronically or in paper form. For more information on the application process and application forms, please go to : [www:rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca). Click *General Info*, then *Financial Support*, scroll to *The Rideau Park Foundation*, and click it. For paper copies, please contact , Debi Brown (613-733-3156 Ext.228). Please note that funds will not be disbursed until after Council makes decisions on the applications at its April 18 meeting.

Special Seniors' Communion Service and Tea Party: The Pastoral Care Committee will host its annual Seniors' Communion Service on **April 22 at 3:00 p.m.** People on our Pastoral Care List have received written invitations with offer of transportation. However, we also extend the invitation to elderly seniors who are still active in our church community, but would like to take part in this service. The tea party, which follows provides an opportunity for you to visit with old friends whom you no longer see at regular Sunday services.

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.

Peace of mind, lower blood pressure, greater calm in crisis, heightened mindfulness, greater intimacy with God... these are some benefits of meditation. Come join us for meditation from 9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Why not give meditation a try? If you would like to know more about meditation in the Christian tradition please visit: rideauparkspirituality.blogspot.ca or speak to Steve to learn more.

Activities Calendar: - March 4 – March 10			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u>			Mar 4	Ada McEwen & Morley Craig Janet Buske-Wichser Carolyn & John Scollick
Meditation	9:00am	B-9		
Lent 2 Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
<u>Monday:</u>			Mar 11	Gretchen Conrad Mark Shulist & Merina, Devon & Rigel
Cross-stitch	9:30 am	Parlour		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Mar 18	Pat & Gavin Currie Christel Kurz Christy Harris
<u>Tuesday:</u>				
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Parlour		
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Sunday Duty Officers	
<u>Wednesday:</u>				
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft	Mar 4	Nancy Begg-Durkee
Lenten Reflections	7:15pm	Parlour		
<u>Thursday:</u>			Mar 11	Anne Moore
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour	Mar 18	Lynn Sherwood
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour		
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9	Counting Volunteers	
HearSay	6:15pm	Beecroft		
KinderPraise	6:15pm	B-9	Mar 5	Rod Hagglund
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12		
Cherubs	6:15pm	B-13	Mar 12	Garry Lindberg
Note-Able Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary		
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	B-12	Mar 19	Christel Kurz
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary	Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Ministers’ pager number: 613-786-4340 Visit our website: rideaupark.ca Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
<u>Friday:</u>				
Morning Yoga	9:00 am	Beecroft		
Chair Yoga	10:30 am	Beecroft		
<u>Saturday:</u>				

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