

RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

LENT 4



SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 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 11, 2018—LENT 4

We Gather Together

During this season of Lent, you are invited to take a few moments of quiet to prepare for worship. Our organ voluntaries and the following prayer are offered as one way you might centre your thoughts and settle your spirit as you come to worship:

O God, who brought your servants, Sarah and Abraham, out of their land, who guided the Hebrew people across the desert, we ask that you watch over us,
Be our companion on our walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our light in darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance we may arrive
safe and sound at the end of the Road
enriched with grace and virtue and joy. (Prayer of the El Camino)

Gathering Music:

Lighting of Chancel Candles: Psalm 27: 1 —*the Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?*

***Call to Worship:**

One: Whose story is this?

This story is God's alone to tell.

**All: It hums in the rivers and the trees
It whispers in the skies and the seas
It calls to the people of all places
It speaks in our hearts, in our lives**

One: Why then should we speak of this story?

All: This story calls our name in Creation
This story claims our lives through the Cross
This story shapes our future through the Spirit
One: Let us tell the story together in this time and this place

***Processional Hymn: 374 VU Come and Find the Quiet Centre** Beach Spring

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

Sung Confession: 116 VU **Giver of the Perfect Gift** Song

We Listen for God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

Hymn: 357 VU **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus** Stories of Jesus
**(There are no regular Sunday school classes today, however childcare is available in the
childcare room in the lower hallway.)**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 13: 1-18 Lay Reader: Pat Whitridge

Anthem: Morning Song(Cherokee "Amazing Grace") arr. J.E Green
Chancel Choir

**"I am of the Great Spirit, it is so. Cherokee "Amazing Grace" God's Son paid for us. Then to
Heaven He went after paying for us. But He said, when He rose: "I'll come again." All the
earth will end when He comes; all will see Him all over the earth. All the good people living
He will come after. In Heaven always in peace they will live."**

Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-18 Lay Reader: Pat Whitridge

Sermon: Telling the Story Steve Clifton

Hymn: 343 VU **I Love to Tell the Story** Hankey

Our Response

Offering

Offering Music:
Soloist:

Thus Saith the Lord
James Coole-Stevenson

Handel

**Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while and I will
Shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will
Shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.
The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple,
even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye
delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.**

Offering Response: 191 MV

**What do I do? What can I bring?
What can I sing? What can I say?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 661 VU**

Come to My Heart

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

Choral Amen

Postlude:

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 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 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 McLaren, 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 5-14 years. . Profits go to the Refugee Fund. **Tickets go on sale in Beecroft today. Please note: Takeout is available.**

Please Note: Since it is March Break, there will be no HearSay dinner or children's choir/chimes practices this coming week.

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. 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.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, March 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., Lynn Sherwood, a member of the board of the Heron Emergency Food Centre, will give a presentation on the work of the Centre. 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, March 21**, by calling, Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798.* Please plan to join us again on April. 25.

Daylight Saving is back! Turn your clocks ahead by one hour TODAY! Here comes spring!

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. 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.

Thursday, March 29, 5:45 p.m. – Holy Thursday Seder supper. Come and join us for a family -friendly potluck supper, following a modified order of the table Jesus shared with his friends in the Upper Room. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Help Wanted bulletin board at the top of the stairs, to help us estimate the numbers.

Thursday, March 29, 7:15 p.m. – Holy Thursday Quiet Communion. Often called Maundy Thursday, from the word “commandment”, this service reminds us of the servant ministry Jesus embodied and shared with his followers. This service helps prepare us for Good Friday.

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 will be receiving 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.

Camp Awesome 2018 is coming! Our summer VBS is scheduled for the week **August 20-24 for children age 4 -12 years.** Camp Awesome runs each day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Childcare is available before and after the daily program. Childcare, morning and/or afternoon, is not included in the registration, but paid separately through the church office. To register go to www.rideaupark.ca Click on the **Camp Awesome** link under the **Events Calendar** on the front page, and follow the links to the **Camp Awesome** registration page. Please note that registrations done on or before June 14 are \$75.00 per camper. After, they are \$85 per camper.

Activities Calendar: - March 11– March 17			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u>			Mar 11	Gretchen Conrad Mark Shulist & Merina, Devon & Rigel
Meditation	9:00am	B-9		
Lent 4 Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
<u>Monday:</u>			Mar 18	Pat & Gavin Currie Christel Kurz Christy Harris
Cross-stitch	9:30 am	Parlour		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Tuesday:</u>			Mar 25	Doug & Elaine Robertson Joanne Rodgers Ron MacPherson
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Parlour		
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Wednesday:</u>			Sunday Duty Officers	
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft	Mar 11	Anne Moore
Lenten Reflections	7:15pm	Parlour	Mar 18	Lynn Sherwood
<u>Thursday:</u>			Mar 25	Dianne Keevil Harrold
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	Counting Volunteers	
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour	Mar 12	Garry Lindberg
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour	Mar 19	Christel Kurz
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9	Mar 26	Norm Edwards
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary	Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm	
<u>Friday:</u>			Ministers’ pager number: 613-786-4340	
Morning Yoga	9:00 am	Beecroft	Visit our website: rideaupark.ca	
Chair Yoga	10:30 am	Beecroft	Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
<u>Saturday:</u>				

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