

RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 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.***

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

We Gather Together

Centering Prayer (in silence)

**O God, help me to see myself in the story of the palms:
help me to learn from the joy of the crowd;
help me to have courage when I turn away in fear;
help me to proclaim justice when I witness injustice;
help me to love you when I see the cross. Amen**

Gathering Music:

Lighting of Chancel Candles

The Life and Work of the Church

***Call to Worship:** Carolynn Kelman

One: Give thanks to God in worship.

**All: Let the people of God say, "Hosanna!"
Praise be to God who saves us!**

One: Open the gates of your hearts,

All: that God might enter in.

One: For God is our salvation and our hope.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Hymn: 123 VU**

Hosana, Loud Hosana

Ellacombe

Opening Prayer:

Hailey Laliberté

The Story of the First Palm Procession: Luke 19: 29-38

Lauren Jensen Harback

***Processional Hymn: 122 VU**

All Glory, Laud and Honour

St Theodulph
(Valet Will Ich Dir Gben)

(Members of the congregation are invited to join in the palm parade, which is being led by the choir)

A Time for all God's Children

Anthem: "Ride On, King Jesus" R. De Cormier
Chancel Choir

Show me how to love like You have loved me; break my heart for what breaks Yours; everything I am for Your kingdom's cause as I walk from earth into eternity.

Holy Week in Story and Symbol:

Words of Introduction

Symbol: Palm Branches Dzifa Agbenyoh
Reading: Matthew 21: 6-9
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty v1

Symbol: 30 silver coins Sarah Adsett
Reading: Matthew 26: 14-16
(Silent Reflection)

Symbol: Bread and Cup
Reading: Matthew 26: 17-30 Anna de Haan
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty v2

Symbol: Rooster
Reading: Matthew 26: 31-35, 69-75 Allyson Hopkin
(Silent Reflection)
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty v3

Symbol: Praying Hands Jadon Griffith
Reading: Matthew 26: 36-46
(Silent Reflection)

Symbol: A Sword
Reading: Matthew 26: 47-56 Adam Bethune
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty v4

Symbol: The Cross

Scripture: Isaiah: 53:3- 6

(Silent Reflection)

Luke Dillman

Offering

Offering Music:

“Hosanna”

Hillsong

Soloist:

Caitlin Tabbenor

***Offering Response: *Hymn149 VU**

When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion
(Rockingham)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Caitlin Allo

The Lord’s Prayer (sung) 960 VU

***Hymn: 182 VU**

Stay With Us Through the Night

Caswell

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

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 29	Sader Supper/Maundy Thursday Service	5:45/7:00pm
March 30	Good Friday Service	11:00am
April 1	Easter Sunday	10:00am

PALM SUNDAY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH : TODAY 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 still available at the door. Takeout is available.**

UCW Easter MEMORIAL FLOWERS – The draft list of UCW Easter memorials is posted on the upstairs Pastoral Care bulletin board. Please check the information by **NOON on Monday March 26**, to ensure that everything is correct, and nothing has been missed. Please note any changes on the list, or E-mail: Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca. Thank you.

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 pm – 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.

Sunday April 1, 10:00 a.m., is our Easter Sunday Service. The **Sunrise Service** will be at **7:30 a.m.** in Grasshopper Park.

Montreal and Ottawa Conferences – Travelling Road Show: Come! Discuss! And ask! A workshop directed at Treasurers, Trustees, Board/Council Chairs, Mission and Service, Stewardship and Outreach Committee. Clergy and Lay! **Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Knox-St. Paul’s United Church, Cornwall, Ontario, at 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** If you have any questions or to register, please contact: Carolyn Ruda at carolynruda@gmail.com or 613-932-2415.

The Rideau Park photo directories have arrived!!! *For those church members who came in for their photo with Al, a directory has your name attached to it.* Please see us after church, or email Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca to arrange pick-up. Enjoy!

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 which involve experimenting with new or 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** and should be submitted to the Church 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 see the church website at www.rideaupark.ca and click *General Info*, then *Financial Support*, scroll to *The Rideau Park Foundation*, and then click it. For paper copies, please contact the Church Administrator, 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.

Social Action and Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees are joining together to present a program on **April 15** to learn about the "***Compassionate Listening Project***", a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals and communities to transform conflict and strengthen cultures of peace. Our Speaker **Dr. Sharon Gubbay Helfer** is an oral historian and a scholar-practitioner of difficult dialogues. Dr. Gubbay Helfer is a Research Associate with the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling at Concordia University where she worked on the project "Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide, and other Human Rights Violations". She is a fellow of Concordia's Centre for Ethnographic Research and Exhibition in the Aftermath of Violence (CEREV).and a scholar-practitioner of difficult dialogues with an ongoing personal and professional engagement in understanding the nature of forgiveness, empathy, restorative justice and related themes. Lunch will be served.

Fitness to Drive as We Age" presentation by The Council on Aging Ottawa, on **Tuesday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.** at Rideau Park. Age can affect our functional abilities. The decline in faculties begins as early as our 50's, and continues gradually. It is important to understand the physical, perceptual and cognitive changes in order to correct them or know how to compensate. Maximize knowledge and settings of your car through such programs as "55 Alive" and "CarFit". Are you up to date in the rules of the road and are you aware of the process of license renewal at age 80? Know the system, and plan early for the day when you won't be able to drive.

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.

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.

Please join Unit 7 on an outing to Montreal on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Bus will leave Rideau Park at 7:30 a.m. /return at 7:30 p.m. Our first stop is St. Phillips Square where you can make your own way to any downtown attractions. We leave the Square at 2:00 p.m. and head to Fairview Pointe Claire Shopping Mall for some retail therapy and perhaps a late lunch/early dinner. Tickets - \$45.00 per person. Tickets will be sold during coffee hour and through the church office during the week.

Healing Pathway Course: The Phase 1 Healing Pathway Course is being offered right here at Rideau Park, on **May 4 and 5, 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.

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.

Occasional drivers needed. We would like to put together a roster of people willing to drive seniors to church on occasion. Some devoted church members who are living in nursing homes, or no longer driving, would really appreciate the opportunity to attend when possible. For more information, or to add your name to the roster, please contact Georgina.

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!

Activities Calendar: - March 25 – April 1			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u>			March 25	Doug & Elaine Robertson Joanne Rodgers Ron MacPherson
Meditation	9:00am	B-9		
Palm Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
Friendship Lunch	11:30am	Beecroft		
<u>Monday:</u>			April 1	John Durkee & Nancy Begg-Durkee
Cross-stitch	9:30am	Parlour		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Tuesday:</u>			April 8	Wayne & Janet Bond Heather & Wayne Bond Jeff & Kim Allo & Family
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Parlour		
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour		
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Wednesday:</u>			Sunday Duty Officers	
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour		
<u>Thursday:</u>			March 25	Dianne Keevil Harrold
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour		
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour	April 1	Don & Lois Harper
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9	April 8	Lorna McCrea
Seder Supper	5:45pm	Beecroft		
Maundy Thursday Service	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	8:00pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Friday:</u>			Counting Volunteers	
Good Friday Service	11:00am	Beecroft	March 26	Norm Edwards
OFFICE CLOSED			April 4	Rod Hagglund
<u>Saturday:</u>			April 9	Mark Inman
<u>Sunday:</u>			Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm	
Sunrise Service	7:30am	Grasshopper Park	Ministers' pager number: 613-786-4340	
Easter Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary	Visit our website: rideaupark.ca	
			Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	

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