

**THIS IS GOD'S DOING
IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES.
PSALM 118: 23**





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.***

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Northwinds Brass

Lighting of Chancel Candles: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

***Call to Worship:**

One: The angel said to them: "Do not be afraid! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here." (Mark 16:6)

All: Today we celebrate the light that burns in our darkness. For the power of the cross has changed who we are. We are given power to become children of the light.

One: Today we celebrate the new light shining brightly within our midst. Hallelujah!

All: Christ is risen.

One: Christ is risen indeed.

All: Hallelujah!

***Processional Hymn: 155 VU**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison-seated)

O God of new beginnings, we have come to you a people hungry for good news. We have been so concerned with proving ourselves that we have overlooked the new life you set among us. Raise us out of the tomb of our suffering, we pray. Forgive us, O God, and heal our broken hearts. Amen.

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Words of Assurance

A Time for All God's Children

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Sacrament of Baptism - Extending the Christian Family

† Statement of Purpose

† Introduction of the Candidates

† Questions of Commitment

✝ Profession of Faith-A New Creed VU 918

† Pouring of the Water & Prayer of Thanksgiving

† Act of Baptism

† Giving of the Baptismal Candle

† Sung Blessing VU 965 (sung by all)

Prayer: (unison)

God of gracious welcome, hear our prayer for Akira, Naomi and Shyera baptized today. May they be blessed in all of life's journey. May we who share the mark of baptism hold them in faith and Christian love. May they know the grace of your Holy Spirit in all the days ahead. Amen.

Hymn: 175 VU

This Is the Day That God Has Made

Easter Joy

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

Responsive Reading: 837 VU Psalm 118, parts 1, 2, and 3
(with sung refrain)

Lay Reader: Shanti Inman

Anthem:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”
Chancel Choir, with:

Rutter

Andrew Ager, Organ; Barbara Jeffrey, Piano; A Touch of Brass, Handbells, Northwinds Brass

*“Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken ev’ry chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high, Alleluiah! “*

Scripture Reading: Mark 16: 1-8

Lay Reader: Shanti Inman

Sermon:

There you will see him

Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 586 VU**

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Londonderry Air

Our Response

Offering

Offering Music:

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Soloist:

James Coole-Stevenson

"I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago. I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me."

***Offering Response: 541 VU**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Caitlin Allo

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 173 VU**

Thine is the Glory
(verse 2 in French)

Judas MacCabaheus

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude:

Northwinds Brass

Today we welcome through the sacrament of baptism
Akira Aaliyah Campbell, and her parents, Rehanna Rahaman and Arthur Campbell;
Naomi Xie, and her parents, Yani Cui and Di Xie
Shyera Grace Rahaman, and her parents, Rizza Rasay and Raymond Rahaman.

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

April 8	Easter 2 - Communion	10:00am
April 22	Seniors' Communion/Tea	10:00am
April 29	Volunteer Appreciation	10:00am

Something new, Wednesdays, April 4 – May 16, 10:00-11:00 am – Come and join the staff for Wednesday morning Coffee Break: A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage (maybe even cookies!)



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!

At the service on Sunday, April 15 at 10:00a.m. a new pulpit bible will be dedicated in memory of Bonney and Douglas Clark. Please join us.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Join Social Action/Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees for a lunch and learn program with Dr. Sharon Gubbay Helfer on the "***Compassionate Listening Project***", a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals and communities to transform conflict and strengthen cultures of peace. A hot lunch will be served. For additional information and to sign up for lunch, please see the poster on Social Action/Outreach bulletin board in the upper hall way.

The Spring Nearly New and Book Sale takes place Friday, April 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Beecroft Hall. Great deals on gently used clothing and footwear for the whole family. Also linens, fabric, jewelry and children's toys. Tremendous selection of books of all kinds. Visit the Ladies' Boutique for vintage and higher quality ladies' wear. Have your kids stop by the Princess Boutique for the latest in tiaras!

Can you help? Unit 2 is once again having their **Annual Used Book Sale** and would appreciate help with sorting on April 19 and 20. We will be sorting all day both days in preparation for the sale which is **Friday evening, April 20, and Saturday morning, April 21**. If you are able to help, please contact Judy Paré at 613-523-0098 or email her at judy2006@sympatico.ca. Thank you!

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.

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.

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



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.



Turkey Dinner: Friday, April 27: Celebrate spring by joining us for a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, followed by dessert, tea and coffee, **starting at 5:00 p.m. with a second sitting at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome. Proceeds will go to the work of the church. For tickets, please call the office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229, or come to the church office (Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm). Adults: \$20.00, Children ages 6-12: \$10.00, 5 & under: eat free

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.

Gentle Yoga: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.- OR - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m., is the Spring Session, which started March 21 (no problem joining now). Join one or both Gentle Yoga classes depending on your schedule. Certified Yoga instructor, Lynda Spalding, will lead beginner to advanced (male and female) students through a gentle therapeutic flow mat class. Fees are \$50.00 for 10 weeks (1 class per week) or \$100.00 (2 classes/week). Drop-in fee is \$8.00. For more information, please call Lynda at 613-422-3565.

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 services or events on occasion. Some devoted church members who are 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.

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.

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: - April 1 – April 7			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u> Sunrise Service 7:30am Kilborn Park Meditation 9:00am B-9 Easter Service 10:00am Beecroft <u>Monday:</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Tuesday:</u> 50+ Fitness 9:00am Beecroft La Bell Ensemble 7:15pm Sanctuary <u>Wednesday:</u> Come for Coffee! 10:00am Parlour Worship/Music 7:00pm Parlour <u>Thursday:</u> 50+ Fitness 9:00am Beecroft Quilting 9:30am Parlour Euchre 1:00pm Parlour Healing Pathway 1:00pm B-9 HearSay 5:45pm Beecroft KinderPraise 6:15pm B-9 Joyful Noise 2 6:45pm B-12 Cherubs 6:15pm B-13 Noteable Sound Chimes 6:15pm Sanctuary Joyful Noise 1 6:45pm B-12 Grace Notes 6:45pm Sanctuary Chancel Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary <u>Friday:</u> Morning Yoga 9:00am Brackenridge Chair Yoga 10:30am Brackenridge <u>Saturday:</u> <u>Sunday:</u>			April 1 John Durkee & Nancy Begg-Durkee April 8 Wayne & Janet Bond Heather & Wayne Bond Jeff & Kim Allo & Family April 15 Christy Harris Mary & Keith Harris Janet Buske-Wichser Sunday Duty Officers April 1 Don & Lois Harper April 8 Lorna McCrea April 15 Counting Volunteers April 4 Rod Hagglund April 9 Mark Inman April 16 Bob Roden 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	
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