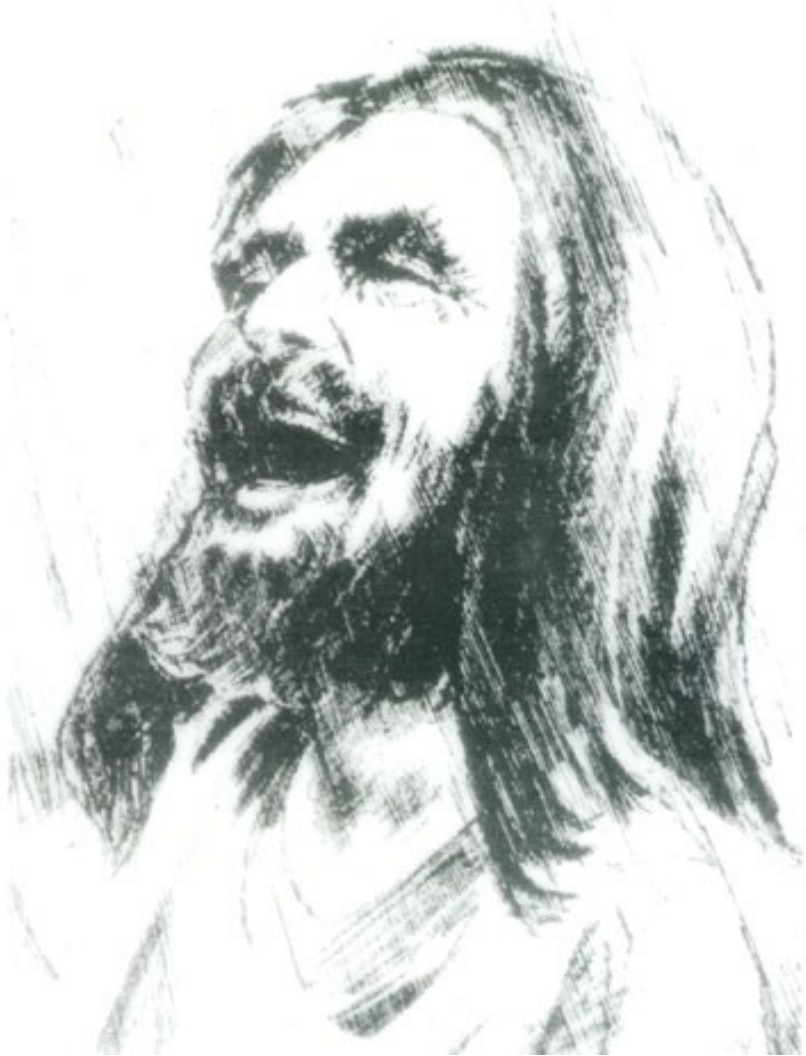


Sunday, April 22, 2018

Rideau Park United Church



Easter 4



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.***

Holy Humour Sunday, April 22, 2018 - Easter 4

We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the 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:** (based on 1 Chronicles 16)

One: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice!
Say to all nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**All: Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the fields and their crops burst with joy!**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

**All: Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who lives from everlasting to everlasting!**

***Processional Hymn: 122 MV**

This Is the Day
(sung in English, French, English)

Bruce Harding

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

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.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly,
yet so often, we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments.
You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead,
and promised us eternal life. But we act like we don't know it!
Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh,
and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins!

All: Hallelujah!

One: Christ lives and reigns for us!

All: Hallelujah!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Sung Response: 16 MV Come and fill our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your Peace.

You alone, O God, are Holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your Peace.

Alleluia!

Listening for God's Word

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn: 577 VU

I've Got Peace Like a River

Peace Like a River

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 1-15

Lay Reader: Kate Whitridge

Anthem:

Silent Monk's Hallelujah
Chancel Choir

G.F Handel

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Lay Reader: Kate Whitridge

Sermon:

The Laughing Christ

Steve Clifton

***Hymn: 820 VU**

Make a Joyful Noise

Psalm 100

Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace "
Soloist: Caitlin Tabbanor Channel of Peace

*Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

Offertory Response: 624 VU-verses 2 & 4

**Give to us laughter as a sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.**

**Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings almost healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your promise among us increase.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church:
Community Paramedicine Program Elizabeth Anderson

***Hymn: 59 VU Joy to the World Antioch**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude:

Rideau Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming faith community, inclusive of all, including those of different economic, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We have recently begun a study process with the goal of becoming an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.

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Upcoming Worship Events

April 22	Seniors' Communion/Tea	3:00 pm
April 29	Volunteer Appreciation Sunday	10:00am
May 6	Bells in Spring Concert	7:00pm

Special Seniors' Communion Service and Tea Party: The Pastoral Care Committee will host its annual Seniors' Communion Service **TODAY at 3:00 p.m.** 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.



Yanik Gosselin, tenor section lead, will be presenting his final undergraduate recital on **TODAY, at 4:00 p.m., in the Huguette-Labelle Hall in Tabaret building (University of Ottawa, 550 Cumberland St.). The performance will include beautiful works by some of his favourite composers, *including Rideau Park's very own Andrew Ager*. "This will be a great opportunity for me to thank all those who have guided and supported me through these past years, including the Chancel Choir and the whole Rideau Park community."**

There are a few copies of the 2018 Rideau Park Church Directory available for sale. The cost is \$15.00 per copy, on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Gosse at 613-731-2281 or email: Marcia.Gosse@sympatico.ca.

Something new, Wednesdays, April 25 – May 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Come and join the staff for Wednesday morning Coffee Break: A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage (maybe even cookies!)



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-4:00 p.m.). Adults: \$20.00, Children ages 6-12: \$10.00, and children 5 years and under: eat free.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on **Wednesday, April 25**, 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., Marilyn Law will make a presentation on her recent trip to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. 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, April 18, by calling, Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798. Plan to join us for our closing meeting on May 30.

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.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday will take place this year on **Sunday, April 29**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to celebrate the commitment and accomplishments of the many volunteers that it takes to keep Rideau Park going. The presentation will take place during the service followed by balloons, cake and refreshments in Beecroft. Please mark your calendars and come out to honour our counters who are being recognized this year!



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-centered 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.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!: Rideau Park is in need of caretaking help for five weeks, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: **July 9 - 20, August 13 -17** and **September 4 - 12, and August 20 - 24** (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Some flexibility is an option for discussion. Duties will include light custodial duties, care and maintenance of the grounds, set up/take down for groups meeting in the church, and other duties as required. A job description is available on the Youth Bulletin board or upon request. If you wish to apply, please leave your résumé in Debi Brown's mailbox outside the office, or email to administrator@rideaupark.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.

Sunday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. – The theme of the service is “Sing a New Song”, in which we invite members of the congregation to choose a favourite hymn and to share some thoughts on why it is meaningful to them. If you would like to offer a hymn and a reflection, please contact Elizabeth ebryce@rideaupark.ca or Steve sclifton@rideaupark.ca.

Churchpost articles are due by NOON on **Sunday, May 6**. Submissions should be emailed to Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca or call Marcia Gosse at 613-731-2281.

On Saturday, May 12, 4:00 p.m., Andrew Ager will play "My Mother's Favourite Pieces", a selection of well-known classics for organ and piano, featuring works by Chopin, Liszt, Bach, and others.



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.

Unit 2 has been making turkey pies this week! If you interested in purchasing any, please let Mabel Bannerman know - in person, or by phone at 613-731-5865. If you love the beef pies, those will be made in May.

Each Sunday morning as the collection plate is passed around, while it may look bare, 198 members/families (over 85% of those making pledges) are actually contributing close to \$8,500 through Per Authorized Remittance (PAR). Sunday PAR giving's go primarily to the 3 major funds, which the Church uses to manage most of the work that we do. It takes a lot of financial support, approximately \$11,500 per week, to operate a Church our size and run all of the programs that we do. That is why we need strong financial support from all those attending our services. So when that plate goes by take time to reflect on what it takes to run our church and how your generosity can help make a difference.

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 22 – April 29			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
Sunday:			April 22	Joann & Jon Roebuck & Family Karen Humphries & Rob Blake
Meditation	9:10am	B-9		
Easter 4 Service	10:00am	Beecroft	April 29	Mary Lynne & Jim Holton Bob & Margo Roden
Senior Communion/Tea	3:00pm	Parlour		
Monday:			May 6	Shailja Verma Marlene Hutchison Gerri & Greig Scott
Cross-Stitching	9:30am	Parlour		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		
La Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
Tuesday:				
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour		
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour		
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
Wednesday:				
Come for Coffee!	10:00am	Parlour		
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour		
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft		
Session	7:30pm	Parlour		
Thursday:				
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		
Friday:				
Morning Yoga	9:00am	Brackenridge		
Chair Yoga	10:30am	Brackenridge		
Spring Dinner	5:00/6:30pm	Beecroft		
Saturday:				
Funeral - John Dawson	11:00am	Sanctuary		
			Sunday Duty Officers	
			April 22	Beth Campbell-Keays
			April 29	Marilou Reeve
			May 6	Mary Lynn Holton
			Counting Volunteers	
			April 23	Bob Roden
			April 30	Lois Jensen
			May 7	Rod Hagglund
			Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm	
			Ministers’ pager number: 613-786-4340	
			Visit our website: rideaupark.ca	
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