

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Rideau Park United Church



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday



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.***

## Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, April 29, 2018 - Easter 5

### 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:**

One: We worship God, who called all life into being.

**All: The earth, the seas, and the sky are full of God's glory.**

One: We worship God, who plants even the tiniest seed with care.

**All: For God's intimate love, for God's intimate care, we give thanks.**

One: Let us worship God not only with our words,

**All: but with hearts and hands, with time and talents.**

One: Let us worship God!

**\*Processional Hymn: 226 VU**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**  
(Tune: Dix 81 VU)

Lucerna Laudoniae

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

NoteAble Sound Chimes  
Vocals:

"Colours of the Wind"  
Katie Jourdeuil

arr. Paul & Sue McKlveen

*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- seated)**

In this time of lengthening days,  
in the growing light of spring,  
we are - we would be - people of your light.  
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence,  
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace,  
we pray for your gift of newness that  
we may see and know and walk in your light.  
That we may in turn be bearers of your light in the shadowed places of our world.  
Amen

(a time of silent reflection and prayer...)

Words of Assurance

**Listening for God's Word**

**Hymn (seated): 40 MV**

**Never Ending Joy**

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A Time for All God's Children

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

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4: 7-12

Lay Reader: Christel Kurz

Anthem:

"Down to the River to Pray"  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mennicke

*As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear  
the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down,  
come on down, oh, sisters (brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners, children) let's go down,  
down in the river to pray.*

Scripture Reading: John 8: 1-12

Lay Reader: Christel Kurz

Sermon:	Light Shines	Steve Clifton
<b>*Hymn: 82 MV</b>	<b>Bathe Me in Your Light</b>	John Oldham

## Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music:	“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked “	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.”*

**Offertory Response: 312 VU - verses 4**

**Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
This the world shall see reflected:  
God is One and One in Three.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church:	Volunteer Appreciation	Marcia Gosse
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<b>*Hymn: 373 VU</b>	<b>As Comes the Breath of Spring</b>	Denby
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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.

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

April 29	Volunteer Appreciation Sunday	10:00am
May 6	Bells in Spring Concert	7:00pm
May 12	"My Mother's Favourite Pieces" Concert	4:00pm

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday is TODAY!** Please join us 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 today, followed by balloons, cake and refreshments in Beecroft Hall afterwards. Please come to honour our counters who are being recognized this year!



**Wednesdays, until 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!)

**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.



**ATTENTION STUDENTS AND RETIREES!:** 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.

**LAST CHANCE! Healing Pathway Course:** The Phase 1 Healing Pathway Course is being offered right here at Rideau Park, on **Friday May 4 and Saturday May 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. *If you are interested, please speak to Brian Neal or email [healingpathway@rideaupark.ca](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca), as soon as possible.*

**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](mailto:Marcia.Gosse@sympatico.ca).

It is the tradition at Rideau Park that donations are collected for the **Heron Emergency Food Centre** on THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. Our next collection day is **Sunday, May 6**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, HEFC envelopes are available at either entrance to the sanctuary.

**Please join us for a Family Dinner and entertainment on Friday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy ham, salads and desserts, followed by *a performance of Gillian MacDonald's young Highland Dancers*. Proceeds will go to our Refugee Fund. ALL ARE WELCOME! Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for Children aged 5-12 years. For more information, please call the office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229, or go to [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca)



**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.

**Hospice Events:** Caregivers of a family member or friend with a life-limiting illness, please take note of new flyers on our Pastoral Care bulletin board (upstairs hallway) advertising an ongoing "Day Hospice Program" at May Court and a "Need-to-Know Session - Hospice Care in Our Community" on **May 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**, at South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre. Both are free services offered by Hospice Care Ottawa.

**Important Reminder:** Announcements for RPNews MUST be emailed to: [adminassist@rideaupark.ca](mailto:adminassist@rideaupark.ca), or brought to the office, no later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesdays before** the Sunday services, please. Late announcements may have to go in the following week, if applicable. Thank you.

**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](http://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.

**Contemporary Music and Worship:** Thanks for all the positive comments regarding the service on **Sunday, April 8** led by our Presbytery group Stream. As a next step, we're looking for Rideau Parkers who are interested in getting together to explore this type of worship and music further. Our hope is to find some mutually convenient dates, beginning later this Spring or in the early Fall, to go through some pieces, gather ideas, and see what develops from there. If you sing, play an instrument, or just want to be a part of the experience, contact Rod at 613-866-9791 or [rhagglund@rogers.com](mailto:rhagglund@rogers.com). *Rod Hagglund and Leigha Robinson.*

Our refugee family's 10-year old boy has outgrown his current bicycle! With the sudden change to nicer weather, we have an urgent need for a donation of a good used boy's bicycle, sized for his age. If you have one to pass on, please call Christel Kurz 613-731-8037

**Did you know?** 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 of the \$11,500 per week required to operate this church. So when the plate goes by, take time to reflect on what it takes to run our church and how your generosity can help make a difference. Thank you.

***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.***

**Reminder:** Please note that the services at Rideau Park are live-streamed on our web site: [www.rideaupark.ca](http://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 29 - May 6**

**Sunday:**

Meditation	10:00am	B-9
Easter 5 Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Volunteer Appreciation Tea	11:00am	Beecroft

**Monday:**

Cross-Stitching	9:30am	Parlour
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
UCW	1:30pm	Parlour
Ringin' Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary

**Tuesday:**

50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
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**Wednesday:**

Come for Coffee!	10:00am	Parlour
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft
Worship & Music	7:00pm	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	6:15pm	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:**

Healing Pathway Course	9:00am	Beecroft
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**Saturday:**

Healing Pathway Course	9:00am	Beecroft
Group for Friends	7:30pm	Parlour

**Coffee Hour Volunteer**

**April 29** Mary Lynne & Jim Holton  
Bob & Margo Roden

**May 6** Shailja Verma  
Marlene Hutchison  
Gerri & Greig Scott

**May 13** Carolyn & John Scollick  
Karin Ott & Bruce Dixon

**Sunday Duty Officers**

**April 29** Marilou Reeve

**May 6** Mary Lynne Holton

**May 13** Jennifer MacKinnon

**Counting Volunteers**

**April 30** Lois Jensen

**May 7** Rod Hagglund

**May 14** Christel Kurz

**Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm**

**Ministers' pager number: 613-786-4340**

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**Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or [prayerchain@rideaupark.ca](mailto:prayerchain@rideaupark.ca)**

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