


Sunday, September 23, 2018  
Creation 3



Rideau Park United Church



 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.***

**September 23, 2018**

## We Gather Together- Creation 3

Prelude:	On Eagle's Wings	arr. D. Wagner
	A Touch of Brass	

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: *Psalm 119: 105—Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus said: "Bring glad tidings to the poor and proclaim liberty to captives."

**All: May Christ dwell in our hearts with faith.**

One: The prophets proclaimed, “Your light shall break forth like the dawn.”

**All: May we attain the fullness of God's promise.**

One: The Spirit sings: "I will make my words known to you."

**All: May we listen for the Spirit who surpasses all knowledge.**

One: Let us worship God- with heart and hope and voice.

**All: Amen!**

**\*Processional Hymn: 217 VU All Creatures of our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen**

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison-seated)

O God of grace, you know us as we are; and you love us. We do not want to hide our true selves from you. However, sometimes we shrink from the truth. We gloss over the mistakes we make, or we blame others. Other times we carry too much guilt, and cannot move forward. Break our bondage, we pray, and free us from our fears and blame. Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. Amen. *(a time of silent reflection and prayer)*

**Sung response: 115 MV    Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New    John L. Bell**

## Words of Assurance

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)
<b>Prayer: (unison)</b>  <b>God of gracious welcome, hear our prayer for William and Samuel 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.</b>	

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9

Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 33-37

**\*Hymn: 567 VU**                      **Will You Come and Follow Me**                      Kelvingrove

## Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music

The Kingdom of God

Taizé Community

**Offering Response: 538 VU**

Taizé Community

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts  
...that we give.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

**\*Hymn: 424 VU**

**May the God of Hope  
(verses 1-2 repeat, repeat 1)**

Argentina

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

\*The sermon this week references a letter and video prepared by the United Church ministers to Premier Doug Ford in response to his campaign statement (March 7, 2018):  
**“And we will make sure—I can guarantee you we’ll make sure—that the church has a voice. All the time.”** You can find out more about the letter at:  
<https://ontariouccministers.org/>

*Today we welcome through the sacrament of baptism  
Samuel Decaire and his parents, Erin Brunet and Pierre Decaire,  
and William Toivanen and his parents, Diana Hamilton and Mark Toivanen*

*We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of unceded Algonquin land where this church is built.*

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

Oct 7	Worldwide Communion Sunday	10:00am
Oct 21	Anniversary Sunday	10:00am
Oct 21	Congregational Meeting	11:00am

**Harmony Club for Seniors (60+)** will meet on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. Annual registration (\$4.00) will begin at 11:00 a.m., as members begin to gather. At 12:00 noon, a delicious lunch will be served (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a presentation by Peter Kunstadt of Kunstadt Sports on the topic, *"Promised Land – A Life's Journey to Success in Canada"*. 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 contacting Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798, no later than Wednesday, September 19. Do plan to join us again on October 24, 2018.

Next **Sunday, September 30**, you are invited to wear something **ORANGE** to church. The date commemorates the story of **Phyllis Webstad**, living in residential school and having a special orange shirt taken away from her, as if her feelings and values no longer mattered. Phyllis began Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and commitment to teaching children that everyone is important.



It's time to cull your dresser drawers and closets, and bring gently used items of clothing and accessories for the **Nearly New Sale! Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29!** Twice a year, it's a great chance to recycle items you don't want anymore and to make someone else very pleased with a "new" purchase. Drop off donations to the Meditation room in the lower hall or on the stage in Beecroft, left side, behind the drapes. Many thanks!

**Have you heard about Structural Review yet?** Do you have ideas or comments to share about how we are organized here at Rideau Park? If so, we would love to hear from you! We will be holding consultations throughout September. More information and a list of the members working on this can be found at: <https://www.rideaupark.ca/download/59/documents/2730/rpuc-2018-structural-review.pdf> Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Sunday School needs you!** Our Sunday school is looking for willing volunteers who would be able to work alone or in a team to teach our Pre-K/JK/SK room (ages 3-6). Candice and Susan, our long-running dynamic duo, have given over a decade to this group and are ready to move on to other adventures. This class is a lovely group of eager learners who love a song, story and time to explore our kindie room toys. We have a curriculum with lesson plans already in place and we just need a few willing individuals who would be able to step up and take over. We are open to individuals or a team of rotating teachers who would be able to offer their time to helping our youngest worshippers grow in their faith. We are also on the look out for volunteers to create a list of "fill in" teachers for our grade 1/2/3 and grade 4/5/6 classes. If you think you could help or if you have questions about the level of commitment, please speak to CD co-chair Andrea Laliberté at 613-248-1283, [marcandrea@rogers.com](mailto:marcandrea@rogers.com) or anytime at church.

### **TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT PLANTING YOUR BULBS FOR SPRING!**

The Social Action/Outreach Committee are selling bulbs from Veseys on Prince Edward Island. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale come to Rideau Park and will be divided equally between the Refugee Committee and the Environment Committee. Catalogues are on the Duty Officer's desk and we will be selling bulbs on Sundays during coffee hour. **The cut-off date is October 5.** We thank you for your support for this project.



**It's time to buy BERRIES!** Frozen blueberries, raspberries and/or cranberries can be ordered until the **deadline of Sunday, October 14.** The price of 2 kg. of blueberries is **\$21.00**, 2.5 kg. of raspberries cost **\$31.00**, and 2 kg. of cranberries is **\$16.00**. *Berry orders must be accompanied by the exact amount of cash in an envelope, or a cheque made out to the Rideau Park United Church Women – **no post-dated cheques**, please.* The berries should be available for pick-up here at Rideau Park United Church on **Sunday, November 4 at 1:00 p.m.**, so please mark your calendars. Please contact Peggy Rader at [Prader2\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:Prader2_@hotmail.com) or 613-733-6851 or Marcia Gosse at [Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca](mailto:Marcia.gosse@sympatico.ca) or 613-731-2281,) for more information.



**What's up with the Apartment? Sunday, September 30, 11:30 a.m.** Come and join us for a **Sustainability Showcase Luncheon**. An opportunity to learn more about the Environmental Action Team's sustainability project, and to hear guest speakers from local environmental groups over a hot lunch. Everyone welcome, freewill donation.

**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!

**Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. - *Canada and Indigenous Peoples: Toward a Better Relationship*** Presentation by Hon. Frank Iacobucci, former Justice of the Supreme Court, at Parkdale United Church, 429 Parkdale Ave, Ottawa.



**Blessing of the Animals service: is happening on Sunday, October 14 this year, at 2:00 p.m., as Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7, is the first Sunday.** All of God's creatures are welcome to share in a service of blessing. We will meet in our side parking lot. (If it rains we may move into Beecroft Hall. Pets should be leashed or caged or carried, whatever makes them feel safe and secure in the company of others. No pre-registration is required. All (species) are welcome!

**Healing Pathway** is a United Church ministry that develops the skills and gifts of healing hands within the Christian tradition and has fostered the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities for over 25 years. Rideau Park offers full sessions (20 to 40 minutes), by appointment, on Thursdays between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, and once a month on Sunday evening from 7:00–9:00pm. To book an appointment, please contact [healingpathway@rideaupark.ca](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca), or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered most Sundays in the Chapel, immediately following the service. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.



**Intro to Drumming from Ghana: Sundays at 11:30 a.m.** Meet in the Parlour; classes to be held there, or in the Sanctuary. Open to everyone old enough to hold a drum - children, pre-teens, teens, young adults, adults, and everyone with one hand or two! Parents, drum with your kids! Teens, bring a friend along! Come and see what it's all about. Questions? Contact Iain Macpherson, Music Ministry Coordinator, (613) 733-3156 x 301 or [choirdirector@rideaupark.ca](mailto:choirdirector@rideaupark.ca)

**The Counters have a gentle request: *Please do not fold your paper money or cheques.*** All the envelopes supplied for offering are the size of money and cheques. Let's make the counters' job much easier! Thank you.

**Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP)** is a youth run, Ontario wide Organization and registered charity. The main focus is for youth to make new friends, speak their mind, and know their heart. This February 2019 OYP will be hosted at Rideau Park United Church! *OYP is looking for billets from the community* to host at least 2 delegates overnight on **November 17** for a planning meeting. *OYP will also be looking for billets for 3 nights February 15-17.* To learn more, or to get involved, further information is available at [oyp.on.ca](http://oyp.on.ca) or email [billets@oyp.on.ca](mailto:billets@oyp.on.ca).

**Churchpost Reminder:** You can still pick up a copy of the most recent (September 2018) issue, in the foyer in front of the Sanctuary. Look for them on a tall, brown table.

### Activities Calendar: Sept 23-29

#### Sunday:

Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary

#### Monday:

Cross-stitching	9:30am	Parlour
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
UCW Executive	1:30pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary

#### Tuesday:

50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour

#### Wednesday:

Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour
Session	7:30pm	Parlour

#### Thursday:

Nearly New Set-up	9:00am	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9
HearSay	5:45pm	Parlour
KinderPraise	6:15pm	B-9
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12
Cherubs	6:15pm	B-13
Note-Able Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	B-12
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary

#### Friday:

Nearly New Sale	6:00pm	Beecroft
Book Sale	6:00pm	Brackenridge

#### Saturday:

Nearly New Sale	9:00am	Beecroft
Book Sale	9:00am	Brackenridge

### Coffee Hour Volunteers

<b>Sept 23</b>	Joanne Rodgers Ron MacPherson Lois Jensen Christel Kurz
<b>Sept 30</b>	Karen Humphries & Rob Blake Ken & Dipty Tong & Family
<b>Oct 7</b>	Nancy Begg-Durkee & John Durkee Ada McEwen & Morley Craig

### Sunday Duty Officers

<b>Sept 23</b>	Mary Lynn Holton
<b>Sept 30</b>	Jennifer MacKinnon
<b>Sept 30</b>	Shanti Inman

### Counting Volunteers

<b>Sept 24</b>	Mark Inman
<b>Oct 1</b>	Norm Edwards
<b>Oct 10</b>	Garry Lindberg

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

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