

Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:00 a.m.



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.***

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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 Psalm 36)

One: Your love, O God, is as immeasurable as the heavens.

Your faithfulness reaches higher than the clouds in the sky.

**All: Your justice is like the majestic mountains- firm and unshakeable,
and your judgements are as deep as the ocean depths.**

One: And yet, in your greatness, you care for all of creation -
people and animals alike.

All: How precious is your unfailing love, O God!

All people may find rest in your presence.

One: May we all know God's presence here and now.

All: May God's love grow deeply in the lives of all who are gathered here.

***Processional Hymn: 1 MV**

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

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

Litany of Confession: (Psalm 36: 7-9)

("How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.)

One: O God, we confess we take so much for granted:

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

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One: O God, we confess we have failed to see
that you want everyone to be sheltered in your love.
Forgive us when we have been thoughtless.
Forgive us when we have been indifferent.
Have mercy on us when we have been reckless
with the abundance that you have provided us.
Help us to be mindful of others
that all may find a home in you.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

One: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Sung response: 62 MV

There Is Room for All

Bruce Harding

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Listening For God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

Hymn: 365 VU

Jesus Loves Me

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

Responsive reading: Psalm 36, p. 762 VU
(with sung response)

Lay Reader: Jeremy Geelan

Anthem:

Bethlehem, of Noblest Cities
Chancel Choir

arr. A. Bullard

Scripture reading: John 2: 1-11

Lay Reader: Jeremy Geelan

Sermon:

Sparkling Joy

Steve Clifton

***Hymn: 626 VU**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Kingsfold

Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music:

None but the Lonely Heart

Peotyr Tchaikovsky

Soloist:

James Coole-Stevenson

***Offertory Response: 542 VU**

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 341 VU**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

*The flowers today are presented in loving memory of my brother Paul and
My parents Ethel and Paul Connelly, by Susan Connelly.*

*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 News

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Upcoming Worship Events

Jan 27	"I Have a Dream" Service	10:00am
Sat Feb 2	Worshiplude Evening service	7:00pm
Feb 3	Worshiplude Sunday	10:00am

"I Have A Dream" Service, Sunday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. Mohammed Adam, an Ottawa Citizen columnist, will speak at this service. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 613-733-3156 ext. 229 (Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.).

Sunday, January 27 4:00 pm - Voices of Rideau Park 1, a Celebration of Mozart's Birthday, with Andrew Ager, playing the baby Grand piano for this event, which will also include some of our solo leads. It will take place in the Sanctuary, freewill contribution appreciated.

Last week in the bulletin, you read a thank you letter from a grateful recipient of a Christmas Cheer hamper. Check out the bulletin board outside the Parlour to see several other cards and notes as well. People are very appreciative of this assistance and our committee thanks the congregation for the help that it has provided.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on **Wednesday, January 30.** Registration opens at 11:00 a.m., as members begin to gather. The annual fee is \$4.00. At 12:00 p.m., a delicious lunch will be served by volunteers (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., there will be a presentation by Alta Vista author, Sue Taylor-Davidson on her debut novel, *"To Pluck a Crow: The Hands Behind Shakespeare's Pen"*. All seniors are welcome. Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. *For anyone who is not a member to join us for lunch, registration is required by calling Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798, by Wednesday, January 23.* Please plan to join us again on February 27, 2019.

Sundays, at 11:30 a.m. - Drumming has resumed! Meet in the Parlour, or if unavailable, in the Sanctuary. Please join in and grab a drum! We will be learning a stick drumming piece called *Gahu!* Drums are provided, or bring your own - including the hand-made drums from last year! We need singers, percussionists, dancers, and drummers to make this work! Everyone welcome!

Worshiplude Worship Service at Rideau Park, **Saturday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker- Rt. Rev Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Stream and Jam worship bands and our own Grace Notes Teen Bells will be performing. All ages welcome!!

Gentle Yoga: Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. from January 11 to March 8. Yoga enhances any other exercise routine as well as stretching and strengthening. Certified Yoga Instructor, Lynda Spalding, will lead beginner to advanced (male and female) students through a gentle therapeutic flow class. Fees: 4 or more classes - \$6.00/class. Drop-in fee \$8.00. **Chair Yoga is also offered on Fridays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. from January 11 to March 8.** For more info and fees, contact Lynda: 613-422-3565 or 4livingyoga@gmail.com

Phase 1 Healing Pathway Workshop: An introduction to the basic concepts of healing hands within the Christian tradition, with an emphasis on learning to be a healing presence and instrument of God's healing power. No prerequisite. **A retreat opportunity for your own healing as well as learning to offer healing energy to others. January 18 -20 at Trinity United Church in Ottawa (Friday: 7:00 – 9.30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.).** Registration: \$230.00 (*half price to repeat as refresher*). Subsidies are available.

Save the date! The **Annual Valentine Coffee Party** will be held on **Thursday, February 14** from **9:30 a. m. until 11:30 a.m.** Join us for coffee, tea, and fruit breads plus shop at the Bake and Potpourri Tables. There is a freewill offering at the door. We hope to see you there!!



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.

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 pre-authorized remittance (PAR). Sunday PAR givings 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.

Please note that there are *still* 2019 Offering envelopes, *waiting to be picked up*, on the Sunday School counter. Thank you.

RPUC Website: Go to rideaupark.ca for all the latest church news and information on upcoming events, and join us on Sunday mornings for our live streaming service. This site is maintained by the office staff and volunteers.

HearSay Dinner: If you are new to Rideau Park or to our **Thursday music programs**, please feel free to start your evenings off each week with a fabulous dinner called “**HearSay**”. Different families or groups of families take turns coming in to prepare meals for anyone interested, and the meal takes place at **5:45 - 6:15 p.m.** each week. It’s a great way to meet other families and individuals and have a meal before the evening music practices begin. There is a donation basket on the table each week – the money is used by the family making dinner to cover their costs. You don’t have to sign up to cook before you’ve had a few weeks to come and see how things work – just come and share a meal with us and get to know the group. Then, when you are comfortable, sign up for a week like our returning families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Acknowledge, Confront, Transform – Right Relations and Black Lives Matter at Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Avenue. Our moderator, Richard Bott, will be with us for a day-long reflection on right relations in the United Church of Canada. The event is “pay what you can” (suggested donation \$35.00), register at <http://bit.ly/RightRelationsUC>.

Kitchissippi United is holding their annual curling and chili dinner at the Granite Curling Club the afternoon of **Saturday, February 16**. If you’re interested or would like more information, please contact Gordon Dewis (gordon@dewis.ca or 613-482-1075).

Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP) is a youth-run, for youth, Ontario wide Organization and a registered charity. The primary activity of OYP is our annual four-day model parliament for youth aged 14 to 21. **This February 15-19 2019**, OYP will be hosted here at Rideau Park United church and they are looking for billets from the Ottawa community to host at least 2 delegates over the 3 nights. To learn more, or to get involved with OYP, further information can be found at oyp.on.ca/billeting or through email at billets@oyp.on.ca.

Join friends at Rideau Park on a **two week Mediterranean Cruise aboard the Emerald Princess** in May 2019. For details pick up a brochure at the church or check the Rostad Tours website.

Please note: In Debby’s office there is a **basket for small Lost and Found items**. Currently, there are 2 sets of car keys with the expensive remotes and even house/mailbox (?) keys attached. Other sets with a labelled locker # key and house key, a lone house (?) key; several single earrings; a golden knot broach; a Canon lithium battery; a digital watch; etc. Also, there is a set of white ear buds, and a white cell phone charger. As well, a Simplii card- signature unreadable. These have been in the basket for some time. If you are missing any items like these, please come to the office and check. Thank you.

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.

Activities Calendar: January 20 - Jan 26 Sunday: Meditation 9:10am B-9 Sunday Service 10:00am Sanctuary Coffee Time 11:00am Beecroft Drumming 11:30am B-13 Monday: Circle 9:30am B-9 Knitting 12:30pm 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: Session 7:30pm Parlour Thursday: 50+ Fitness 9:00pm Beecroft Quilting 9:30am Parlour Euchre 1:00pm Beecroft Healing Pathway 1:00pm B-9 HearSay 5:45pm Beecroft Joyful Noise 2 6:15pm B-12 Note-Able Sound Chimes 6:15pm Sanctuary Cherubs 6:15pm B-13 Joyful Noise 1 6:45pm B-12 Grace Notes 6:45pm Sanctuary Chancel Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary Friday Morning Yoga 9:00 am Parlour Chair Yoga 10:30am Parlour Saturday: UCC Singles 6:00pm Parlour Group for Friends 7:30pm Parlour			Coffee Hour Volunteers Jan 20 Christy Harris Mary & Keith Harris Janet Buske-Wichser Jan 27 Lois Jensen Glenys Pike Gerri & Greig Scott Feb 3 Karen Humphries & Rob Blake Kathy McKinlay		
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			Counting Volunteers Jan 21 Bob Roden Jan 28 John Scollick Feb 4 Mark Inman		
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