

# Sunday, March 31, 2019

## LENT 4

*The Great Mystery, by Carol Grace Scott*

How can I ever understand the great mystery  
that pulls me into the folds of love?  
How can I comprehend what happens  
when, in the midst of prayer,  
my eyes fill up with unexpected emotion?

How can I not be moved  
to explore the depths of love  
that seek me out,  
even when it is I  
who have been absent?

By accepting this great Mystery  
to infiltrate my heart  
my soul, my Being,  
perhaps I no longer have to feel  
that I walk alone.



# Rideau Park United Church

*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.*

**Lent 4, Sunday, March 31, 2019**

## **We Gather Together**

Gathering Music:

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: God calls out to us: “Come as you are!”

**ALL: We come to worship, thankful that God loves us as we are.**

ONE: We are a community gathered around this good news.

**ALL: With God’s love, the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit,  
we are all God’s children.**

ONE: Reconciled or seeking forgiveness, made new even in our brokenness.

**ALL: We are loved! Let us worship together.**

**\*Processional Hymn: 574 VU Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love** Wonderful Love

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

**Touch of Brass:** “Here I Am, Lord” arr. Daniel L. Schutte, Sherman, A.B

Prayer of Confession (unison-seated)

**O God of compassion, we pray for wholeness. Sometimes it is our hearts that are broken ...  
(pause.) Sometimes it feels as though our actions have broken away from our intentions ...  
Sometimes we look on broken bodies in our broken world, and we lose hope... (pause.)  
Lord, in your mercy, make us whole.  
(a time of silent reflection and prayer)**

Sung response: **947 VU**

**Lord... have mercy, Christ... have mercy, Lord... have mercy.**

Words of Assurance

**\*Hymn: 104 MV**

**Know That God Is Good**

Edo Bumba

**Touch of Brass:** “The Church's One Foundation” arr. J. Linker & J. McFadden

## Listening to God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

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

Responsive reading: Psalm 32

Lay Reader: Carolyn Scollick

Anthem:

"How Can I Keep From Singing"  
Chancel Choir

Lightfoot

Scripture reading: Luke 15: 11-24

Lay Reader: Carolyn Scollick

Sermon:

A Wonderful Love

Elizabeth Bryce

**Hymn: 89 MV :**

**Love Is the Touch**

Amor Dei

## OUR RESPONSE

Minute for Mission – Michael Presley

Offering

Offertory Music:

"Brother James' Air"

M. Archer

Soloist:

Noah Bragança

\*Offertory 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

**\*Hymn: 112 VU**

**O God, How We Have Wandered**

Lancashire

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

**\*\*The poem on the front cover of the bulletin today was written by Carol Grace Scott, a member of Emmanuel United Church. It is found in her book "Awakened by Ashes, a Lenten Journey". Copies are available for purchase on the Sunday School counter.**

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

April 3	Lenten Evening Retreat	7:15pm
April 7	Dedication of Stained Glass Window	10:00am
April 7	Lenten Evening Retreat	7:15pm

**Wednesdays April 3, 10 and 17 at 7:15 p.m. – Lenten Evening Retreat series** on Spiritual disciplines: from a unique UCC perspective.

**The Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am service** will include the **dedication of the new “Good Shepherd” window** in the chapel.

**REMINDER: UCW Easter MEMORIALS: THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7, .** On Easter Sunday the Sanctuary is filled with flowers. All are placed there in remembrance of a loved one. Anyone who wishes may place an Easter memorial in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning. Cheques should be made payable to *Rideau Park UCW*. **UCW EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY, after Easter:** The Pastoral Care team, members of the UCW and friends deliver all the flowers to over 80 members of our congregation. If you would like to order memorial flowers OR if you are able to help deliver flowers on Easter Sunday, please email: Mabel Bannerman at 613-731-5865 or jamban@sympatico.ca or Judy Paré at judy2006@sympatico.ca or 613-523-0098. Thank you.

**Funding Available from the Rideau Park Foundation Fund for Ministry** - Applications are now being received for new project funding from the Rideau Park Foundation. Projects eligible for Foundation funds include those which involve experimenting with new or new approaches to ministry, outreach in our community, leadership development, special projects, and property renewal projects. Foundation funds are not intended to meet ongoing operational requirements of current projects/programs. Any member or long-term adherent of Rideau Park United Church may apply, but applications must be sponsored by a committee of the church who will oversee the finances of the project. Approximately \$3,150 is available for disbursement in 2019. **Applications are due by April 15, 2019** and should be submitted to the Chair of Council, Patricia Whitridge, council@rideaupark.ca. Applications may be submitted electronically or in paper form. For more information on the application process and application forms, please see the church website at [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca) and click *Documents*, scroll to *Guidelines for Operation of the Foundation, Applications Guidelines, Letter to Applicants and on next page Application Form*. Please note that funds will not be disbursed until after Council makes decisions on the applications at its April 24 meeting.



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.*

**Unit 7** will be holding their annual fund raiser **bake sale** during coffee-hour on **Sunday, April 7**. There will be lots of wonderful homemade baking to choose from. Mark the date on your calendar. Please join us!



**Thursday, April 18: Holy Thursday: Starting at 5:45 p.m. Join us for Seder Supper**, a family oriented potluck meal and re-telling of the Passover supper, the Jewish tradition that Jesus celebrated. Sign up in the upper hallway.

**Maundy Thursday service at 7:15 p.m.** (following the Seder Supper), marking the final commandment of Jesus with his friends, and the communion they shared.

**The Heron Emergency Food Centre (HEFC)** will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **April 16, at 7:00pm**, at 1480 Heron Road, 3rd floor Auditorium. All are welcome.

**Nearly New Sale and Annual Used Book Sale:!** **Friday, April 26, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.** RPUC will happily receive gently used clothes, household linens, sewing/knitting materials and toys for the sale. Please no winter coats or boots. Items for sale may be brought to the church during the day and evening of Thursday, April 25 and during the day of Friday, April 26 until noon. Thank you to everyone who helps out! Please contact Nancy McPherson at 613-737-7339 for more information. Please save your good used books and bring them to the church on **Thursday, April 25. No Reader's Digests or National Geographics, please.** If you would like to **HELP SORT BOOKS Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 -4:00pm.** please contact Judy Paré at 613-523-0098 for more information.

**The Myers--Briggs Personality Type Indicator** says there are 16 personality types and all are equally valid. The MBTI is about discovering, not changing, who you are. Suitable for all ages. Because the materials have been donated we can offer **4 sessions April 7, 14, 28, May 5 for \$20.00, from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Refugee Fund.** Please speak to Georgina if you are interested. Please let her know if you need childcare (provided).

**An invitation to seniors** to join us at Rideau Park, in the sanctuary, for a special service, including communion, on **Sunday, April 28, at 3:00p.m.** followed by tea and delicious baking afterwards. A good time to see old friends! **We provide transportation if needed, for this event, so please let Georgina Fitzgerald know if you wish to attend, and if you need a ride.**

Activities Calendar: April 7 – April 12		
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		
RP Foundation Sunday	10:00am	Sanctuary
Coffee Time	11:15am	Parlour
Drumming	11:30am	B-13
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour
Ringin' Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>		
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft
Lenten Retreat	7:15pm	Parlour
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>		
50+ Fitness	9:00pm	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Healing Pathway	12:30pm	B-9
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft
Joyful Noise 2	6:15pm	B-12
Noteable 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
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		
Morning Yoga	9:00am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	10:30am	Parlour
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		

Coffee Hour Volunteers	
<b>Mar 31</b>	Joanne Rodgers
	Ron McPherson
	Karen Ott & Bruce Dixon
<b>Apr 7</b>	Karen Humphries & Rob Blake
	Nancy McPherson
<b>Sunday Duty Officers</b>	
<b>Mar 31</b>	Lorna McCrea
<b>April 7</b>	Elaine Robertson
<b>Apr 14</b>	Nancy Begg-Durkee
<b>Counting Volunteers</b>	
<b>Apr 1</b>	Rod Hagglund
<b>Apr 8</b>	Mark Inman
<b>Apr 15</b>	Bob Roden
<div><b>Regular Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm</b> <b>Visit our website: <a href="http://rideaupark.ca">rideaupark.ca</a></b> <b>Prayer Chain: ext. 227 / <a href="mailto:prayerchain@rideaupark.ca">prayerchain@rideaupark.ca</a></b></div>	

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