

**THIS IS GOD'S DOING  
IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES.  
PSALM 118: 23**



*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.*

**Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

## **Coming Together As God's People**

Gathering Music:

Lighting of Chancel Candles: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

### **\*Call to Worship:**

One: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**All: We are called to be Easter people!**

One: Darkness cannot claim us!

**All Fear cannot bind us!**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

**\*Processional Hymn: 155 VU**

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Easter Hymn

Touch of Brass, Chancel Choir

\*Opening Prayer

### **\*Proclaiming the Easter Alleluia**

One: Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...

How many ways can we share 'alleluia'?

**All: When hope overflows, alleluia**

**When the hungry are fed, alleluia**

**When peace is celebrated, alleluia**

**When communities are brought together, alleluia**

**When those on the outside are brought into the center, alleluia**

**When neighbours love each other, alleluia**

**Greeting one Another: Happy Easter! Alleluia!**

**Sung Response: 50 MV Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Listening For God's Presence and Voice

## Celebration of Baptism

### 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)

### Prayer: (unison)

**God of gracious welcome, hear our prayer for Pearl baptized today. May she be blessed in all of life's journey. May we who share the mark of baptism hold her in faith and Christian love. May she know the grace of your Holy Spirit in all the days ahead. Amen.**

**\*Scripture Song: Psalm 100 - 820 VU**

**Make a Joyful Noise**

Psalm 100

*Those children wishing to participate in an open session children's program are invited to gather in Brackenridge Hall following the hymn.*

First reading: Acts 10:34-43

Lay Reader: Shanti Inman

**Anthem:**

"Risen Alleluia"

A. Pote

Chancel Choir, Touch of Brass, Timpani

The Story of Easter: John 20: 1-18

Lay Reader: Shanti Inman

Sermon:

The Risen Gardener

Steve Clifton

**Hymn: 169 VU**

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

Noël Nouvlet

## Offering Ourselves in Service

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

G.F Handel

Soloist:

Carmen Harris

( from the Messiah)

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!**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Jesus Prayer 960 VU (sung)**

Life and Work of the Congregation

## Going Forth With Joy

\* **Hymn 173:**

**Thine Is The Glory**

Judas Maccabeus

\* Commissioning and Benediction

Prelude:

“Fantasie

J.S Bach arr. Irving Rosenthall

Northwinds Brass

Today we welcome through the sacrament of baptism  
Pearl Mathilde Kurz and her parents, Stephanie Anne Kurz and Adrian Kurz.  
Also proud grandparents, Christel Kurz and Gunter Kurz.

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

April 28	Seniors' Communion/Tea	3:00pm
April 28	Easter 2 Communion	10:00am
May 5	Bells in Spring Concert	7:00pm

**Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, April 24.** Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. 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 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., retired registered nurse, Pat Trites, will present, "What Did You Do, Nana?", reminiscences about her life. 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, no later than Wednesday, April 17. Plan to join us again on May 29, 2019.

## NEARLY NEW SALE!

**Friday, April 26 (6 - 8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 27**

**(9:00 a.m. - 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.



## ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE!

**Friday, April 26 (6:00 - 8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 27 (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.)**

Please save your good used books and bring them to the church on **Thursday, April 25. No Reader's Digests, encyclopedias, 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 - 4:00 p.m.** please contact Judy Paré at 613-523-0098 for more information.

**An invitation to seniors** to join us at Rideau Park, in the sanctuary, for a special service, including communion, on **Sunday, April 28, at 3:00 p.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.** You can reach her at: 613-733-3156 ext. 226.



**The "Bells In Spring" Concert: Sunday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.:** Our annual Massed Handbell Concert will feature guest bell ringing ensembles from three other Ottawa churches, and the **five handbell and chimes choirs of Rideau Park!** An evening of wonderful music you won't want to miss! Freewill offering.



**Gentle Yoga: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.- OR - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m., is the Spring Session,** which started March 21 (no problem joining now). Join one or both Gentle Yoga classes depending on your schedule. Certified Yoga instructor, Lynda Spalding, will lead beginner to advanced (male and female) students through a gentle therapeutic flow mat class. **Four more classes left! (Gentle Mat or Chair Yoga) = \$6.00/class OR \$8.00 for Drop-in.** **CASH payment only, please.**

**Healing Pathway:** Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and most Sundays evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.** To book an appointment, please email [healingpathway@rideaupark.ca](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca), or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered in the Chapel, immediately following the service, every Sunday of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

**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](http://rideauparkspirituality.blogspot.ca) or speak to Steve to learn more.

**Something new! Wednesdays, May 1 – May 29, 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!) (Yes, we have tea!)



**Bereavement Group** at St Thomas the Apostle Anglican church, 2345 Alta Vista Dr. This bereavement group will meet *four Saturday afternoons* from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: **April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 25.** The purpose of the group will be to learn about grieving the loss of a family member and to share our experiences of grief in a faith based environment. The group will be facilitated by Rita Myres (MSW, RSW) who has led grief seminars in both secular organizations and in area churches. For further information and to tell us you will be attending contact Wayne Kauk at [w.kauk@sympatico.ca](mailto:w.kauk@sympatico.ca).

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.

**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 \$80.00 per camper. After, they are \$90.00 per camper.



**Every ten years the German town of Oberammergau stages the Passion Play.** Rev. Kim Vidal is hosting a tour which will also include Berlin, Prague and Munich. **Date: July 31-August 13, 2020.** Ask Georgina for a brochure or check the Rostad Tours website.

**Attention Students!** Rideau Park is in need of caretaking help for five weeks, between July 1 and August 27. Work hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. five days a week, except for the week of vacation Bible School (August 19-23) when the hours are 2:00pm -6:00pm. Some flexibility is an option for discussion.

***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 21 – April 27			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>			<b>April 21</b>	Bob & Margo Roden Pat Whitridge & Pierre Quesnel Mary Lynne & Jim Holton
Sunrise Service	7:30am	Kilborn Park		
Meditation	9:00am	B-9		
Easter Service	10:00am	Beecroft		
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>			<b>April 28</b>	Doug & Elaine Robertson Gerri & Greig Scott
OFFICE CLOSED				
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>				
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour	<b>May 5</b>	Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea Roebuck Shailjah Verma
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour		
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>				
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Parlour	<b>Sunday Duty Officers</b>	
Council	7:30pm			
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>				
Nearly New Set up	9:00am			
Quilting	9:30am	Beecroft	<b>April 21</b>	Anne Moore
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour		
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	Parlour		
KinderPraise	6:15pm	B-9		
Joyful Noise 2	6:45pm	B-9	<b>April 28</b>	Lynn Sherwood
Cherubs	6:15pm	B-12		
Noteable Sound Chimes	6:15pm	B-13		
Joyful Noise 1	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Grace Notes	6:45pm	B-12	<b>May 5</b>	Maureen Stark
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>				
Morning Yoga	9:00am	Parlour		
Chair Yoga	10:30am			
Nearly New Sale	6:00pm			
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>				
Nearly New Sale	9:00am	Beecroft	<b>Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm</b>	
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>			<b>Ministers’ pager number: 613-786-4340</b>	
Easter 2 Communion	10:00am	Beecroft	<b>Visit our website: rideaupark.ca</b>	
		Sanctuary	<b>Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca</b>	

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