

Easter 3  
Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.



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.*

**Easter 3, Sunday, May 5, 2019**

## **We Gather Together**

Gathering Music:

Lighting 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 infinite 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!

**\*Processional Hymn: 169 VU Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**

Vulpus

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

### **Prayer of Confession: (*union-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

A Time For All God’s Children

**Hymn: 175VU**

**This Is the Day That God Has Made**

Easter Joy

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

Scripture reading: Acts 9:1-20

Lay Reader: Keva McKennery

Anthem

“Worthy is the Lamb”  
Chancel Choir

From the Messiah (Handel)

Scripture reading: John 21:1-19

Lay Reader: Keva McKennery

Sermon:

“After Easter?”

Steve Clifton

**\*Hymn: 157 MV**

**“I Am A Child of God”**

Cheryl & Bruce Hardy

## OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music:  
Soloist:

“ Amazing Grace “  
James Coole-Stevenson

Traditional

\*Offertory Response: 191 MV -

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.  
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

**\*Hymn: 625 VU**

**I Feel the Winds of God**

Kingsfold

Commissioning and Benediction

## Notes from Council meeting April 24th

- Council is doing a spiritual exercise which involves paying attention to where God is at work in our church right now;
- Dianne Keevil-Harrold was appointed a Trustee for their next meeting;
- Ministry and Personnel will set up a Search Committee for a new custodian, using an updated job description;
- Congregational Development is working with Property Renewal to install and program a digital monitor in the Beecroft lobby;
- Repairs to the Music office will be followed by air quality testing;
- Council decided not to disburse funds available from the Foundation at this time. There will be another call for applications in the fall.
- We approved new Terms of Reference for the Douglas Ian Brown Memorial Fund.
- There was discussion about fundraising and funding large projects;
- Council discussed hopes and a timeline for the Strategic Plan working group;
- Next meeting: June 19, 2019.

***Today, our coffee has been provided by a member of the congregation, Dieudonné Detchou, who is has been working as a jurist with the Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic. He brought coffee home to share with his church family – so we thought it would be fitting to use it on this Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Thank you to the Detchou family!***



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.*

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 are concluding 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

|        |  |         |
|--------|--|---------|
| May 5  | Bells in Spring Concert                | 7:00pm  |
| May 12 | Christian Family Sunday- Mother's Day  | 10:00am |
| May 12 | Affirming Ministry Congregational Vote | 11:00am |

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday** is taking place **TODAY!** Please join us to celebrate the commitment and accomplishments of the many volunteers that it takes to keep Rideau Park going. The presentation will put a special spotlight on one group who work to support our ministry in a way you may not be aware of. This year we are honouring volunteers in our Healing Pathway ministry. Please join us!



**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.

**Wednesdays, May 1 – May 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Coffee**

**Break:** A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage.



**Next Sunday, May 12, 10:00 am service – Christian Family Sunday:** On this Sunday we celebrate mothers and all who nurture faith in our "chosen" church family. We celebrate Sunday School and music programs for children and youth, and their leaders. This is the last Sunday for Sunday School classes, but childcare will continue to be available through the summer months.

**Sunday, May 12, 11:00 am** – Immediately following the service, we will be holding a **congregational vote** for members and adherents on whether Rideau Park should be designated as an **Affirming Ministry**. We have spent two years in discussion, and passed an inclusive Vision statement. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Affirming Ministries Working Group, or Steve or Elizabeth.

**Please note: UCW Unit 10** will be meeting on **Monday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m.** at Maplewood Retirement Home, 340 Industrial Ave., Ottawa, On.

*Don't forget that on **Thursday, May 9** there will be no children's' choirs or bells/chimes rehearsals! It will be the music program dinner/dessert celebration! More details to follow!*

**Pie-making** help needed on **May 9 and May 16 at 9.00 a.m.** Pies will be for sale on those dates. Call Mabel 613-731-5865 or email at jamban@sympatico.ca.

**Gentle Yoga, Spring Session - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 3 - May 29, AND/OR 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 5 - May 31**, a gentle flow mat class. **Chair Yoga is also offered on Friday, 10:30am, April 5 - May 31.** More info & fees, Lynda Spalding, 613-422-3565 or 4livingyoga@gmail.com

**Friday, May 17, 7:00 pm – A Film Night: to mark International Day to End Homophobia and Transphobia.** Featuring the 2018 film “A kid like Jake” about parents who struggle to understand their young son’s gender dysphoria.

**Multifaith Housing Initiative** – an interfaith project that provides quality affordable housing to people in Ottawa – is holding its annual Tulip-a-thon on **Sunday, May 26 at Commissioners Park**. They are looking for “walkers” and donors. More information about this fundraiser is available on their website at: [multifaithhousing.ca](http://multifaithhousing.ca) Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 3:00 p.m., rain or shine!

**Rideau Park United Church Women** are having their annual June dinner and meeting on Monday, **June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20.00 and are available after Sunday services and from the church office until Wednesday, May 29th. We'll enjoy dinner, worship, and have some fun, as we celebrate our accomplishments together. Dinner is assorted cold meats, salads and desserts. We hope to see you there. For additional information, please contact Nancy Begg-Durkee at 613-521-2051 or [ucw@rideaupark.ca](mailto:ucw@rideaupark.ca).

**On Friday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.** there will an evening of refreshments and door prizes in support of this fall's production of **Andrew Ager's opera "Frankenstein"**. This promises to be a fun and interesting night, and includes a chance to win **"Dinner for Two at Arturo's" on June 10 - with the Monster!** Admission by \$20.00 cover charge or by purchase of ticket to the opera at [EVENTBRITE.CA](http://EVENTBRITE.CA) or at the door on June 7. Tickets are already going fast...

**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 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Flexibility of hours are an option for discussion. Duties will include light custodial duties, care and maintenance of the grounds, set up for groups meeting in the church, attendance at weddings and funerals and other duties as required.

**Healing Pathway:** Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday 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, most Sundays of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

**Affirming Ministry vote May 12, following the 10:00 am service:** We have had numerous inquiries from folks who want to vote but will be away on that Sunday. According to UCC policy, you have to be present at the meeting and vote when everyone else votes. However, we do want your voice to be heard, so have cleared the Affirming Ministries bulletin board (between Steve and Elizabeth's office) so that you can post written messages and images that express your perspective. Or you can express yourself on our Rideau Park Facebook page.

**Register now for Camp Awesome 2019, August 19 - 23:** This Christian day camp program at the church serves children aged 4 -12. Led by trained staff, activities include games, crafts, drama, singing, water fun and learning about important topics. The Camp runs each day from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children bring their lunch. **Cost per camper is \$80.00 if you register by June 16, and \$90.00 after.** *Optional childcare is available each day before and after the Camp for a fee.* To register online, click Camp Awesome on the home page of [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca).



**Rideau Park has received a Canada Summer Jobs grant for this summer. The position will run for 8 weeks at 35 hours a week. We will be looking for a student 16 or older to: provide childcare on summer Sundays, coordinate with our Camp Awesome in August, interface with community groups on behalf of committees, help with organizing music and files, and provide coverage for the vacation of admin staff. The successful applicant would need to be available in mid-June. Please apply by sending a resume and cover letter to Debi Brown at [administrator@rideaupark.ca](mailto:administrator@rideaupark.ca). The *deadline for applications is Monday May 20.***

**Once every ten years the Passion Play is performed by local residents in the German town of Oberammergau.** Rev. Kim Vidal is hosting a 14 day tour (**July 31 to August 13, 2020**) which includes Oberammergau, Berlin, Prague, Munich & Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation. A discount of \$300. is available until June 30th. Ask Georgina for a brochure.

***Musicians needed!*** Rideau Park is in need of volunteers *through the months of June, July and August, to offer some music during Sunday worship services. If you are able to sing a solo, or get a group of musicians together and provide a piece or two music on a Sunday morning, please contact our Music Ministry Coordinator, Iain Macpherson at:* ([choirdirector@rideaupark.ca](mailto:choirdirector@rideaupark.ca)) or at (613) 733-3156 ext. 301. Thank you.

| Activities Calendar: May 5-May 11 |         |            | Coffee Hour Volunteer  |   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|--|---|
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b>              |         |            | <b>May 5</b>   | Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea<br>Roebuck<br>Shailjah Verma                             |
| Sunday Service                    | 10:00am | Sanctuary  | <b>May 12</b>  | Susan & Colin Townsend  |
| Coffee                            | 11.15am | Beecroft   | <b>May 19</b>  | Karin Ott & Bruce Dixon<br>Nancy Begg-Durkee & John<br>Durkee<br>Heather & Wayne Bennet |
| Drumming                          | 11:30am | B-13       | <b>Sunday Duty Officers</b>  |   |
| <b><u>Monday:</u></b>             |         |            | <b>May 5</b>   | Maureen Stark   |
| Knitting                          | 12:30pm | Parlour    | <b>May 12</b>  | Merina Shulist  |
| Ringin Praise                     | 6:30pm  | Sanctuary  | <b>May 19</b>  | Sandra Graham   |
| Touch of Brass                    | 7:15pm  | Sanctuary  | <b>Counting Volunteers</b>   |   |
| <b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>            |         |            | <b>May 6</b>   | Rod Hagglund  |
| Unit 2 Pie-making                 | 8:30am  | B. Kitchen | <b>May 13</b>  | Christel Kurz   |
| 50+ Fitness                       | 9:00am  | Beecroft   | <b>May 22</b>  | John Durkee   |
| CD Committee                      | 7:00pm  | Parlour    | <b>Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm</b>   |   |
| La Bell Ensemble                  | 7:15pm  | Sanctuary  | <b>Visit our website: <a href="http://rideaupark.ca">rideaupark.ca</a></b>                               |   |
| <b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>          |         |            | <b>Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or <a href="mailto:prayerchain@rideaupark.ca">prayerchain@rideaupark.ca</a></b> |   |
| Unit 2 Pie-making                 | 8:30am  | B. Kitchen |  |   |
| Coffee Time!                      | 10:00am | Parlour    |  |   |
| Gentle Yoga                       | 5:30pm  | Parlour    |  |   |
| Stewards                          | 7:30pm  | Parlour    |  |   |
| <b><u>Thursday:</u></b>           |         |            |  |   |
| Unit 2 Pie-making                 | 8:30am  | B. Kitchen |  |   |
| 50+ Fitness                       | 9:00pm  | Beecroft   |  |   |
| Quilting                          | 9:30am  | Parlour    |  |   |
| Healing Pathway                   | 1:00pm  | B-9        |  |   |
| Euchre                            | 1:00pm  | Parlour    |  |   |
| HearSay                           | 5:45pm  | Beecroft   |  |   |
| Joyful Noise 2                    | 6:15pm  | B-12       |  |   |
| Cherubs                           | 6:45pm  | B-13       |  |   |
| Joyful Noise 1                    | 6:45pm  | B-12       |  |   |
| Chancel Choir                     | 8:00pm  | Sanctuary  |  |   |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>              |         |            |  |   |
| Morning Yoga                      | 9:00am  | Parlour    |  |   |
| Chair Yoga                        | 10:30am | Parlour    |  |   |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b>            |         |            |  |   |

| Church Staff: 613-733-3156                   |              |          |                             |
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| Elizabeth Bryce - Minister                   | Mon-Thurs    | ext. 224 | ebryce@rideaupark.ca        |
| Steve Clifton - Minister                     | Tues-Fri     | ext. 225 | sclifton@rideaupark.ca      |
| Georgina Fitzgerald - Minister               | Tues-Thurs   | ext. 226 | gfitzgerald@rideaupark.ca   |
| Andrew Ager - Organist                       | Thurs-Fri    | ext. 223 | organist@rideaupark.ca      |
| Iain Macpherson - Music Ministry Coordinator | Wed-Thurs    | ext. 301 | choirdirector@rideaupark.ca |
| Debi Brown - Administrator                   | Mon, Wed-Fri | ext. 228 | administrator@rideaupark.ca |
| Debby Gerro - Administrative Assistant       | Tues-Fri     | ext. 229 | adminassist@rideaupark.ca   |
| Paul Sorg - Custodian                        | Mon, Wed-Fri | ext. 229 |                             |