

Indigenous Prayer Sabbath

June 23, 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.

Indigenous Prayer Sabbath, June 23, 2019

For thousands of years, indigenous peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Algonquin people and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Lighting of 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:** Praying in The Four Directions
facing east

ONE: From the East, the direction of the rising sun,
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

facing south

ONE: From the South comes warmth, guidance,
and the beginning and the end of life.

ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

facing west

ONE: From the West comes the rain,
purifying waters, to sustain all living things.

ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

facing north

ONE: From the North comes the cold and mighty wind,
the white snows, giving us strength and endurance.

ALL: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

ONE: May we walk good paths, O God.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Litany: The Light of God

One: We call upon the light, God’s light. The light shall shine upon and within us.

All: The light is God and it is great.

One: It shall encourage us, strengthen us, guide us, protect us, shield us, love us, empower us, ground us, give us wisdom and the actions of God’s Holy Spirit.

All: The light is calm. The light is never rushed. The light knows no time. The light is the Holy Spirit.

One: We sense the light; we know, feel, and smell the light. It is like pure joy. Jesus was created by the light, truly God’s light.

All: It shall never leave us.

One: With all you have given and taught us, forgive us, loving God, for the times when we have rejected your light. Allow us to accept the light and the creation of the lives we each lead.

All: We love you, God. We love you, Holy Spirit. We love you, Jesus.

One: With peace and forgiveness, in Jesus’ name.

All: Amen.

A time for silent reflection

Hymn 41 MV

O Beautiful Gaia

Carolyn McDade

A Time for all God’s Children: Video- Urban Native Ministries

(Children are invited to go to childcare. There are also quiet activity boxes in our chapel)

Scripture reading: Ephesians 2: 14-22

Lay Reader: Doreen Claxton

Music: “You’ve got a Friend”

Carole King

Soloist: Sue Reeve

Sermon: Guest Preacher: Michelle Miller

***Hymn: 697 VU**

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OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music

Andrew Ager

Offertory Response: MV 191 –

**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 bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn:637 VU**

Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me

Pilot

Commissioning and Benediction

Musicians needed! Rideau Park is in need of volunteers through the months of 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) or at (613) 733-3156 ext. 301. Thank you.

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 have recently voted to become an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.



Rideau Park News

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NEXT SUNDAY, June 30, we are part of a shared service, at **Emmanuel United Church**
691 Smyth Rd. at 10:00 a.m.

Our Guest Speaker today: Michelle Miller is originally from the Washington, DC, area and married a hilarious Maritime Canadian 9 years ago and moved north. She has been involved in pastoral work for over 25 years, working with all ages as they explore, together, what it means to be people of faith. Through Northern Bridge Community Partnership, Michelle spent much of 2017 working on projects related to healing, leadership, and youth development with indigenous populations in the north.

The Coffee in Beecroft Hall today is from the **Birch Bark Coffee Company**. It is Fair Trade, Organic and SPP certified. A portion of the proceeds that Birch Bark Coffee Company sells will help buy water purifiers for Indigenous families who don't have access to clean water.

The Royal Conservatory Music exams finished on Thursday and our Café closed for another year. Thank you to everyone who brought in the lovely home baked treats. Your response to our request for baking was well received by all. Thank you Elaine, Sheila, Graeme, Marlene, Sue, Debi, Brenda, Janet, Mabel, Christy, Marilyn, Patricia and Lorna for thinking of us and bringing your delicious goodies. We have raised over \$350 and provided a welcoming environment for students during a stressful time. Thank you for your help with this endeavour.

Film Series: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in July and August – “The Bible”: 10 episodes that embody some major milestones, for an audience 14 years and older. Each gathering will offer historical background and some opportunity for discussion after the viewing. Come and join us when you can.

Council notes – meeting June 19 2019:

The meeting was called for strategic planning, spiritual focus and discussion about structural changes. We were joined by three members of the Strategic Planning group.

⦿ Steve Clifton offered an opportunity for members to offer insights from the spiritual exercise “keeping our eyes open” to God at work in RPUC.

⦿ The strategic planning group presented their goals and hopes for upcoming consultations with the congregation.

⦿ Elizabeth Bryce led a discussion of the new Council model, in particular four phrases from the four proposed Terms of Reference, that Council’s role will include *identifying priorities, evaluating progress, effective communication, policies and guidelines*.

Activities Calendar: June 23– July 3 <u>Sunday June 23</u> Sunday Service 10:00am Sanctuary Coffee 11.15am Beecroft <u>Monday: June 24</u> Knitting 12:30pm Parlour <u>Wednesday: June 26</u> Marg Hillier is our new Yoga instructor, starting Wednesday June 26, ending August 28 (no class August 21). Class times: <u>Mat Yoga</u> - 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. <u>Chair Yoga</u> - 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. There will be 9 classes: \$8.00/class for the session (\$72.00) or \$10.00/class for drop-in. <u>To register for Yoga please contact: Marg Hillier:</u> mhillier144@gmail.com Yuko Suzuki is introducing <u>Tai Chi</u> to anyone interested, starting Wednesday, June 12 ending Wednesday, August 7. Class times: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be 8 classes: \$8.00/class for the session (\$64.00), \$10.00/class for drop-in. <u>To register for Tai Chi please contact: Yuko Suzuki:</u> yukoswonder@gmail.com <u>Sunday: June 30: 10:00am Shared Service Emmanuel</u> <u>Monday: July 1</u> Office closed - CANADA DAY! <u>Tuesday: July 2</u> Film Night 7:00pm Parlour <u>Thursday: June 27</u> Quilting (& <u>July 3</u>) 9:30am Parlour Euchre - <u>last</u> 1:00pm Parlour <u>Thursday: July 11</u> Quilting 9:30am Parlour		
Coffee Hour Volunteer June 23 Carolyn & John Scollick Pat & Gavin Currie June 30 Shared Service- Emmanuel July 7 To be announced		
Sunday Duty Officers June 23 Judy Paré June 30 Shared Service- Emmanuel July 7 Jennifer MacKinnon		
Counting Volunteers June 24 Rod Hagglund July 3 Norm Edwards July 8 John Scollick		
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