

Rideau Park United Church



Sunday, September 15, 2019

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.

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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 gather this morning to form a circle of love;

All: Greeting friends we know, and meeting friends who are new.

One: We gather in a circle of faith.

All: Lifting our voices, our hearts and our spirits to God.

One: We unite in a circle of hope.

All: Trusting that what we share here can change our lives and our world for the better.

One: Come and join the circle as we worship together!

*** Processional Hymn: 1 MV**

Let Us Build a House

Marty Haugen

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

Prayer of Confession: *(unison - seated)*

God you fill us with your Spirit, so that we may hear your voice.

God you ask us to listen, so that we can know your ways.

God you send us out to serve, so that we can be your people.

Come down God of life, fill us with your love.

Come in Christ of peace, anoint us with compassion.

Come amongst us Spirit of joy.

Help us to celebrate your presence.

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Words of Assurance

***Hymn: 62 MV**

There is Room for All
(English, French, English)

Bruce Harding

*The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ina Lorrimer
from her daughter Jeanette Caton*

Listening For God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

(following the story, the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

Scripture reading: Luke 15: 1-10

Lay Reader: Ron MacPherson

Anthem:

"Open Thou Mine Eyes"
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 11-32

Lay Reader: Ron MacPherson

Sermon:

"Traumatic Grace"

Stephen Clifton

***Hymn: VU 574**

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wondrous Love

Wonderful Love

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music:

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

J. Rutter

Soloists: Carmen Harris, Noah Bragança, James Coole-Stevenson, Tessa Facklemann

*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: 560 VU**

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

Maryton

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

Sept 29	Affirming Ministries Celebration	10:00am
Oct 6	World Wide Communion Sunday	10:00am
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Sunday	10:00am

Today is **Open House with a Welcome Back Brunch in the Parlour!** Please come and to learn about our numerous programs, activities and services. There is something for everyone, from Sunday services, Christian education, community outreach and pastoral care, to music programs (adults, youth and children), family dinners and Harmony Club (seniors 60+), to concerts, quilting, exercise, euchre, meditation and more. All are welcome.

You are invited to attend our annual Lobster Dinner on Friday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$42.50 and are available after Sunday services and from the Church office (613733-3156- ext. 229). Choose between fresh lobster OR steak. Both come with rice, a seasonal vegetable, fresh rolls and a variety of delicious home-baked pies, tea and coffee. Takeout is also available. Please make sure you let us know when you purchase your tickets which option you are choosing, and/or if it will be takeout. Come and share this wonderful meal!



Childcare on Sunday mornings: As a congregation we strive to be a community that welcomes all ages. Children are always welcome in worship; there are quiet activity boxes in our chapel for use on Sunday morning. Our childcare space will continue to be staffed and open on Sunday mornings from 9:50 a.m. every Sunday. Lianne Presley, Rebekah Dillman and Hailey Laliberté are our regular childcare staff. Children age 3 and up are welcome in Sunday School each week. If we can do anything to help make your children comfortable at Rideau Park, please let us know.

Youth Confirmation classes will be offered this year. We would meet one Sunday a month, after church from October through May to discuss our faith and to learn about our faith tradition. If participants choose to they would be confirmed in the spring. We would work out a more precise schedule when we meet together. Confirmation is for those grade 8 and up. Please speak to Alyce Dunnewold or Rev. Steve if you would like to know more. To sign up email Steve at scifton@rideaupark.ca

UCW Unit 10 will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 16, at Maplewood Retirement Home, 340 Industrial Ave., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for discussion and light refreshments.

Social Action and Outreach Committee will be selling Vesey's Fall Bulbs as a Refugee Fundraiser -- **TODAY until Sunday, October 6**, during coffee hour or through the Church Office. For more formation please call the Church Office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229.

On Sunday, May 12 our congregation completed a two year period of consultation and discussion and voted overwhelmingly to become an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada. **On Sunday, September 29** we celebrate our new designation in worship at the **10:00 a.m. service**. Our guest speaker will be Rick Prashaw, author of *Soar, Adam, Soar*. It will be a special Sunday morning in the life of our church!

Sunday School is back meeting in classes: Ages 0-3 in the Childcare room in the lower hallway; JK/SK is with Heidi Hopkin in the lower hallway, as is Grades 1-3 with Linda Hagglund. Grades 4 to 6 meet with Andrea Laliberté in the Beecroft Balcony. Grades 7 and up meet in the Parlour with Ben Presley. Our young people go out to class after the Children's Time. If you are new here today, we will help you find your way.

Looking for Sunday School Teachers! Our Sunday School is off to a great start! Classes are underway and it's great to see all of the smiling faces in our classes. Our Kindergarten Team is looking to add a few volunteers in two key locations: First, we are in need of individuals to join in the rotation in our preK/JK/SK room. We have a curriculum and lesson plans and Heidi - our current teacher - will welcome you to come and see how fun this group is! Come and help for a week, a few weeks or on a regular basis - any time you can give would be appreciated! Also, we are looking to add to our roster of supply teachers - people who can fill in when one of our regular leaders has to be away for a week. If you can help in our Kindie room or as a supply teacher, please get in touch with Christian Development co-chair Andrea Laliberté at 613-762-1777 or marcandrea@rogers.com.

This fall represents the beginning of change. Starting in February there will be no more Elders and therefore the Sunday Morning Duty Officers will be a roster of volunteers. Along with this change **there has been discussion** about increasing the responsibilities of the Sunday Duty Officer to include opening and closing the church. Duties would include committing 3 to 3 ½ hours, every three to four months. On a Sunday morning: to open the outside doors (Andrew or Iain would be here to turn off the alarm) and the three corridors; checking that the posted hymns are correct; bringing the flowers from the foyer to the sanctuary; turning on the lights and fans, if required; putting out fresh water for the ministers et al.; putting out the bulletins; sitting at the Duty Officer desk; closing windows, if applicable, and locking up the doors after church. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Judy Pare at ju-dy2006@sympatico.ca or at 613-523-0098.

"From Opera to Broadway", a Cabaret featuring our very own Sandra Graham and Doreen Taylor-Claxton will be presented **Sunday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m.** in Beecroft Hall. Tickets will be \$30.00 at the door.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that we have a new custodian. **Shawn Richburg** has been hired and will commence working alongside Paul Sorg for the month of October. Shawn grew up in the United Church of Canada and has previously been a church custodian. Welcome Shawn!

Many thanks are expressed to the Search Committee for their efficient and caring work on our behalf as they undertook this challenging task of finding a replacement for Paul after 44 years of faithful service to us. As part of the Sunday Service on October 27 we will celebrate Paul's retirement. Speak with John Durkee or Marilyn Law if you have any "Paul stories" you would like to share during that time.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on **Wednesday, September 25**. Annual registration (\$4.00) will begin at 11:00 a.m., as members begin to gather. At 12:00 noon, a delicious lunch will be served (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a presentation by Kathleen Forestell and her Guide Dog, Tiffany, on the services of the CNIB. Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. For anyone who is not yet a member to join us for lunch, registration is required by contacting Carolyn Scollick, 613 745-1798, by Wednesday, September 18. Plan to join us again on October 23, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: Harmony Club needs volunteers to assist with food preparation, or help in the kitchen. If you could prepare a main dish, or a dessert for our monthly luncheon, or assist us with the serving/cleanup on the day of Harmony Club, Marian would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact: Marian McGahern at 613-737-4987 or email her at momcgahern@gmail.com.



The Fall Nearly New Sale takes place **Friday, September 27 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Beecroft Hall**. Come shop for great deals on gently used clothing for your family OR feel free to donate items to sell, including bed and table linens, vintage clothes and toys, all day Thursday the 26 and the morning of the 27. We're never happier than when we're RE-using items and keeping the landfill levels RE-spectable. For more information, please contact Nancy McPherson at nmcpherson@rogers.com.

Trivia Night, come and test your knowledge! Social Action and Outreach Committee will be hosting this Refugee Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 5, 2019, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.** in Beecroft Hall. Tickets will be available during coffee hour or through the church office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229. Tickets: \$10.00 per person (includes light refreshments).

Healing Pathway Phase 1 training is being offered November 8 and 9 at Glen Cairn United Church: An introduction to the basic concepts of Christian-centered healing; through prayer, meditation and the laying on of hands, to reclaim the healing ministry that Jesus taught. If you would like to know more speak to Sharon Sanderson or email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca

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, 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.

More wellness options at Rideau Park:

GENTLE YOGA: Excellent for women and men it offers mindful movement and stretch for a happy body and inner peace. **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. September 4 – December 18.** The cost of the session is \$120/15 classes. The drop-in fee is \$10.00. For more information contact Yuko Suzuki, at: yukoswonder@gmail.com or 613-716-7804

TAI CHI: This is Yang style meditative movement and Qigong work to increase energy. Excellent for all ages, women and men. **Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. starting September 4 – December 18.** The cost of the session is \$120/15 classes. The drop-in fee is \$10.00. For more information contact Yuko.

GENTLE MAT YOGA: to get your body moving, increasing balance, strength and flexibility in a gentle, mindful practice. **Fridays at 9:30 a.m. September 13 – December 13.** There are 13 classes/session. The full session cost is \$80.00. Drop-in fee is \$10.00. For more information, please contact Marg Hillier, Certified Yoga Instructor, at mhillier144@gmail.com or 613-299-8324 or visit her website: www.newmoonyoga 613-716-7804

CHAIR YOGA will gently deepen your breathing, improve balance, and flexibility. A perfect practice for those with arthritis, fibromyalgia, past injuries or balance issues. **Fridays at 11:00 a.m. September 13 – December 13.** There are 13 classes/session. The full session cost is \$80.00. Drop-in fee is \$10.00. For more information, please contact Marg Hillier.

Friday, September 27, starting at 11:30 a.m. - Fridays For Future Ottawa is inspired by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg who is leading students to act for climate around the world. On September 27, people of all ages are invited to gather at **Confederation Park (11:30 a.m.)** and then march to Parliament to join many other groups on the Hill. We hope to gather a group from Rideau Park, to walk in our green t-shirts, with our banner. If you are interested, you can sign up on the “Help Wanted” bulletin board in the upper hallway, or email ebryce@rideaupark.ca or just come looking for us in the park.

The coffee in Beecroft Hall in the month of September is from Birch Bark Coffee Company. It is fair Trade, organic and SPP certified, made from coffee beans not birch bark! 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.

Activities Calendar: Sept 15– 21		
<u>Sunday</u>		
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Welcome Back Brunch	11:00am	Beecroft
<u>Monday:</u>		
Circle	9:30am	B-9
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
Ringin' Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<u>Tuesday:</u>		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Worship & Music	7:00pm	Balcony
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<u>Wednesday:</u>		
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12
Council	7:30pm	Parlour
<u>Thursday:</u>		
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
Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12
NoteAble Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-13
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	8:00pm	Sanctuary
<u>Friday</u>		
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour
Lobster Dinner	6:00pm	Beecroft
<u>Saturday</u>		

Coffee Hour Volunteer	
Sept 15	Doug and Elaine Robertson
	Gretchen Conrad & Mark
	Shulist, Merina, Devon & Rigel
Sept 22	Carolyn & John Scollick
	Beth Campbell-Keyes
	Pat & Gavin Currie
Sept 29	Joanne Rodgers
	Ron MacPherson
	Heather & Wayne Bennett

Sunday Duty Officers	
Sept 15	Nancy Begg-Durkee
Sept 22	Maureen Stark
Sept 29	Merina Shulist

Counting Volunteers	
Sept 16	Lois Jensen
Sept 23	Christel Kurz
Sept 30	Norm Edwards

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