Rideau Park United Church

Creation Time

Sunday, September 22, 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

Prelude: " Let Us Rejoice" Cynthia Dobrinski
"Peace in Our Time" arr. John Behnke
La Bell Ensemble

Lighting the Chancel Candles:
Psalm 67: *Bless us Oh God, and let the light of your face shine upon us.*

***Call to Worship:**
ONE: We bring all that we are to our worship.
ALL: That we might be open – in mind and heart.
ONE: That we might be renewed – in body and spirit.
ALL: That we might be faithful – our talents and wisdom.
ONE: In worship, and in work, may we celebrate God in the world.

Processional Hymn: 226VU For the Beauty of the Earth Dix 81

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

Prayer of Confession: *(unison - seated)*
O God, we prepare to hear the living word by letting go of all that distracts us. We let go of our regrets, our guilt, our obsessions. We shed our anxiety, our longing for perfection, our jealousy. We confess our need for your grace to heal us, to mend us, to renew us. We pray in Jesus' name, who modelled your generous grace to us. Amen
(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Words of Assurance

Anthem: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" arr. A. B. Sherman
La Bell Ensemble and Chancel Choir

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Marcia (Gaia) Gosse from her family

Listening For God's Word

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 Abigail 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.

Hymn: 444 VU **Child of Blessing, Child of Promise** Stuttgart

(Following the baptism, the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

Scripture reading: Philippians 2: 12-19 Lay Reader: Stuart MacKinnon

Anthem: The Lord Bless You and Keep You J. Rutter
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading: Matthew 25: 31-40 Lay Reader: Stuart MacKinnon

Sermon: Love Set Loose in the World Elizabeth Bryce

Minute for Mission: Mabel Bannerman

***Hymn: 42 MV** **Praise God for this Holy Ground** John L. Bell

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music: "Our Generation" by the band Strange Situation
Mission and Service Video

*Offertory Response: 538 VU-

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts – that we give.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 506 VU** **Take My Life and Let It Be** Mozart

Commissioning and Benediction
Postlude

Today we welcome through the sacrament of baptism
Abigail McKay, child of Brook McKay and Michael Hamilton

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.

Christmas Bazaar BAKE TABLE: Bakers start your ovens, get your aprons on, pull out the baking sheets and pans and all the ingredients, put on some music and start whipping up treats to sell at the Christmas Bazaar Bake Table! We need your baking for our success! Rideau Park squares, cookies, shortbreads, sweet loaves, small cakes and pies, muffins, buns and bread are always in demand. Perennial favourites are: date squares, lemon squares or anything lemon, chocolate and cherry pie is always a hit! *Please identify ingredients*, *especially any nuts, or if it is gluten, dairy or egg free.* Cut and wrapped is always nice. Brownies or date squares in square pan sizes 8x8 or 9x9 inch (20x20 or 23x23 centimeters) are great for freezing. Handy to have for that office or family event when you are asked to bring treats. Open the freezer and voila, there is that pan of RPUC squares ready to go. Ask your friends to bake too! **Receiving and pricing in the Ladies Parlour: Friday, November 1st 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2nd until 11:00 a.m.** For further information or Questions, please e-mail Nancy Begg Durkee at: nandjdurkee@ncf.ca or call Marlene Hutchison at 613-731-2159 or contact the Bazaar Convener Nancy McPherson at: nmacpherson@rogers.com

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

We celebrate becoming an Affirming Ministry on Sunday September 29. We are hoping for a rainbow of colorful contributions from the congregation: fruit, cookies, whatever you might share for the reception following the service. A sign up sheet is posted on the volunteer bulletin board. We are also hoping that the congregation will dress in bright rainbow colours. We will have pins and even temporary tattoos available on the day.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our amazing Lobster dinner! Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help with every aspect of getting this meal to the table, and cleaning up after. We couldn't have done it without you!

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 information please call the Church Office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229.

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

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.

The coffee served 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.

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 November 23, 2019.

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.*

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.

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.

Wednesdays, starting October 1 – 22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Coffee Break: A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage.

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

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.

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.

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 $300.00 is available until June 30*. Ask Georgina for a brochure.

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.***

Activities Calendar: Sept 22 – 28

Sunday		
Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Drumming	11:30am	B-13
Monday:		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary
Tuesd:		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday:		
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12
Session	7:30pm	Parlour
Thursday:		
Nearly New Sale Prep	9:00am	Beecroft
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour
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
Friday		
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour
Nearly New Sale	6:00pm	Beecroft
Saturday		
Nearly New Sale	9:00am	Beecroft

Coffee Hour Volunteer

Sept 22	Carolyn & John Scollick
	Beth Campbell-Keyes
	Pat & Gavin Currie
Sept 29	Joanne Rodgers
	Ron MacPherson
	Heather & Wayne Bennett
Oct 6	Sandra Graham Korjus
	Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea Roebuck

Sunday Duty Officers

Sept 22	Maureen Stark
Sept 29	Merina Shulist
Oct 6	Diane Keevil-Harrold

Counting Volunteers

Sept 23	Christel Kurz
Sept 30	Norm Edwards

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