

Affirming Ministry Celebration

Rideau Park United Church



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Sunday, September 29, 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

Lighting the Chancel Candles:

Philippians 1:6- *“There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish...”*

Greetings: Sydney Laliberté, Natalie Boyd, Nessa Hopkin

Welcome Litany:

Congregation Response (when reader says)

ONE: Will you all join me in exclaiming welcome:

ALL: Welcome!

*** Processional Hymn: 145 MV** **Draw the Circle Wide** Gordon Light

*Opening Prayer and Jesus’ Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Sung Response: 7 MV **Gather Us In** David Hann
(in English, then French)

Presentation of Candle: Alyssa Sutherland, Riverside United Church

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A Time for all God’s Children and Recognition as Affirming Ministry:
with Rev. Jenni Leslie, on behalf of Affirm United

***Hymn: We Are a Rainbow – by David Kai**

We’re the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We’re a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,
We will shine a ray of hope that’s burning bright.

Chorus:

***We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.***

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

Chorus:

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

Chorus:

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

Chorus:

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

Scripture reading: Isaiah 43:1-5

Lay Reader: Alyce Dunnewold

Anthem: Chancel Choir: "God Be in My Head"

J. Rutter

Sermon: Guest Preacher: Rick Prashaw

*The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Harris and Mary Mossman
from their family*

***Hymn: 649 VU**

Walk with Me

Glaser

Offering

Offertory Music:

“Ave Verum”

William Byrd

Soloists: Carmen Harris, Noah Braganca, James Coole-Stevenson, Tessa Fackelmann

***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.

Prayers of the People:

Diane Keevil Harrold

The Life and Work of the Church/ Greetings

***Hymn: 138 MV**

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Gordon Light

Commissioning and Benediction- *Following the benediction, we invite you to follow our rainbow colours out the Alta Vista doors of the sanctuary, and down Cunningham to Beecroft Hall and the reception.*

Postlude

*We wish to thank Matthew Larkin, organist, the Chancel Choir, and our soloists,
for the Ministry of Music today.*

Greetings from Moderator, Richard Bott (excerpt) This is a wonderful day for you, and for the whole United Church of Canada, as you proudly and publicly celebrate the full participation of people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and work of your ministry. For a long time the United Church of Canada has believed that a vital part of following Jesus' Way is to recognize that every person is a beloved child of God, and is deserving of respect and inclusion. It has taken us almost as long a time to move that understanding from our thinking to our living. As individuals, and as a community of faith, you have done a lot of that hard work of becoming more inclusive – through study, self-reflection, exploration of mission and ministry, and discerning the Holy Spirit's nudging. In coming to this day, you've committed yourselves to continue to the joyful work of recognizing the space that Christ has made at his table, and making sure that all who wish to sit there are welcome participants in the feast! I am singing and dancing, "Alleluia, thanks be to God," for each and every one of you, today. Through and in your ministry, Jesus' work of justice and healing continues, not just this day, but into the future.

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

Oct 6	World Wide Communion Sunday	10:00am
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Sunday	10:00am
Oct 27	Anniversary Sunday	10:00am

***Rideau Park United Church** is a vibrant faith community that seeks to embody a loving God as revealed in Jesus Christ. We recognize that, in order to reflect God's love and grace, and to faithfully follow in the path of Jesus, we are called to honour all God's children for their unique gifts, and to promote peace, social justice and a healthy environment as we work together to deepen our own spiritual growth. We share in worship, prayer and learning, and we offer care and support to all, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church.*

Tuesdays, starting October 1 – October 22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 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).

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.

As you are aware Paul Sorg, our devoted custodian, will be retiring at the end of October. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Paul, boxes will be at the entrances to the Sanctuary for the next two or three Sundays where you can place your donation. As well, we would like to prepare a scrap book to include pictures of Paul at the church and remembrances that you may have regarding his work, helpfulness, kindness etc. You can bring these to the church during the week and give them to one of the Debbie's or on Sunday morning and give them to Marilyn Law. We would like to have these by **October 12.** Thank you.

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.

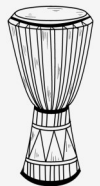
Blessing of the Animals service is happening on Sunday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m. as All of God's creatures are welcome to share in a service of blessing. We will meet in our side parking lot. (If it rains we may move into Beecroft Hall.) Pets should be leashed or caged or carried, whatever makes them feel safe and secure in the company of others. No pre-registration is required. All (species) are welcome!



Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet again on **Wednesday, October 23**. At 12:00 noon, a delicious lunch will be served (cost is \$6.00). Andrea Katz, Elder Abuse Response and Referral Service, will present, "Elder Abuse, How to Recognize and Respond to It." 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 Marg Nelson at 613-523-9357. Please plan to join us again on November 13, 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.*

Drums Alive is a weekly, drop-in drumming class, open to people of all ages. At this time, there is no cost to the class, and people are welcome to join in at any time. Class dates have been posted to the Rideau Park website. The current participants include children, parents, teens, adults and grand-parents. If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please call Iain Macpherson at 613-733-3156, ext 301, or email choirdirector@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.

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

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 at 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

NEWCOMERS LUNCH: If you're new to Rideau Park in the last couple of years, please mark **Sunday, November 17** on your calendars, **11:30a.m. in the Parlour**, after the service. We're having a lunch to celebrate you!

Hurricane Dorian Relief in the Bahamas: As the destruction of the storm is revealed, the United Church of Canada is accepting funds to help with relief efforts, working with global partners the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) and ACT Alliance (ACT). Please include the people of the Bahamas in your prayers as they face the long and difficult journey to reconstruction and recovery. Thanks to your generosity by mid-September, United Church people have given over \$35,000 to support humanitarian needs in the Bahamas. For more information: <https://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief>.

Yes, we're on Facebook! And Instagram! If you are on social media, why not join the *Rideau Park United Church Facebook group*. It's a great way to share news and to connect with people.

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.*** *Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall after the service. Newcomers are invited to take a blue mug and to please approach the Welcome Duty people for friendly church information.*



Activities Calendar: Sept 29 – Oct 5		
<u>Sunday</u>		
Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Drumming	11:30am	B-13
<u>Monday:</u>		
Caring/Sharing	8:00am	Beecroft
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
UCW Executive	1:00pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<u>Tues:</u>		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Coffee Break	9:00am	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<u>Wednesday:</u>		
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12
<u>Thursday:</u>		
50+ Fitness	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	7:30pm	Sanctuary
<u>Friday</u>		
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Sunday</u>		
Blessing of the Animals	2:00pm	Side Parking Lot

Coffee Hour Volunteer	
Sept 29	Joanne Rodgers Ron MacPherson Heather & Wayne Bennett
Oct 6	Sandra Graham Korjus Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea Roebuck
Oct 13	Glenys Pike Heather Beck Wayne & Janice Bond
Sunday Duty Officers	
Sept 29	Merina Shulist
Oct 6	Diane Keevil-Harrold
Oct 13	Don & Lois Harper
Counting Volunteers	
Sept 30	Norm Edwards
Oct 7	Gary Lindberg
Oct 16	John Scollick
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