

# Worldwide Communion Sunday

## Rideau Park United Church



Sunday, October 6, 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 come to worship the Holy One, not only in this place, but in temples and shrines, in homes and chapels, in mosques and stone circles.

**ALL: May the Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time, be with us.**

ONE: We come to worship in Christ's name, as Anglicans and Presbyterians, with joyful sounds and within silent monasteries, in United Churches and united by faith.

**ALL: May Jesus, saviour, healer of our broken world, be with us.**

ONE: We come to worship in the Spirit, with our creeds and questions, our certainty and mystery, our commitment and freedom.

**ALL: May the Spirit, breath of all that lives, be with us.**

ONE: Let us worship God of here and now, that we may find new ways to be present in God's world.

\* **Processional Hymn: 30 MV It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**

Ruth Duck

\* Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession: *(unison - seated)*

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

Gather us O God who makes us one. *(a time of silent reflection and prayer.)*

## Words of Assurance

Sung Response: 400 VU – Lord, listen to your children praying

***(Following the song, the children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes,  
and return to the sanctuary later for communion.)***

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Responsive reading: Psalm 146, p.868VU (with sung refrain)

Lay Reader: Rod Hagglund

Anthem:

“A Gaelic Blessing”  
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

Scripture reading: Luke 16:19-31

Lay Reader: Rod Hagglund

Sermon:

Big Table, Bigger God

Steve Clifton

## OUR RESPONSE

The Life and Work of the Church

Offering

Offertory Music:

Soloist:

“Solveig’s Song”  
Carmen Harris

E. Grieg

**Communion Hymn: 460 VU**

**All Who Hunger**

Holy Manna

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE: May God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts,

**ALL: We lift them up to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

**ALL: It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, maker of all peoples. For your Spirit has moved through every land and nation, bringing people across boundaries and borders created by humankind, and gathering them at one table, one banquet of grace.

**ALL: We praise you, God of all nations.**

ONE: For you have spoken and acted through all peoples, lands, languages and cultures. We think of the people of Israel, sojourning in Egypt, wandering in wilderness, making a new home in the Promised Land. We think of the people of many ancestors who brought forth our understanding of covenant, forged in love.

**ALL: We praise you, God of all nations.**

ONE: We give you thanks that we have heard your voice in the stories of Jesus Christ, how he found refuge in Egypt, grew to wisdom in Galilee, spoke peace in Samaria, found faith in Syria and challenged the Roman Empire. We give you thanks that you raised him from death, that we might know the New Creation in our midst.

**ALL: We praise you, God of all nations.**

ONE: On the eve of his suffering, Jesus took bread, thanked you and broke it for his friends, sharing it among them, for he is the Bread of Life. Then he took the cup and blessed it for the new covenant, calling us to join him in the True Vine

**ALL: God of all nations, we offer this bread and cup, remembering Christ's death, celebrating his resurrection, awaiting God's kingdom of peace and justice on Earth.**

ONE: Send now your Spirit on us and what we do, that we may be understanding, love, life and justice to each other, and to the world. Amen

Sharing the Bread and Cup

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

**\*Hymn: 884 VU:**

**You Shall Go Out With Joy**

Trees of the Field

Commissioning and Benediction

Our communion today is symbolic of God's communion with all creation. So the table where we gather does not belong to any congregation or denomination. It is God's table and all are welcome.

*The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Ayliffe Kettles from her 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.*** Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall after the service.

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

Oct 13	Thanksgiving Sunday	10:00am
Oct 20	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
Oct 27	Anniversary Sunday	10:00am

**“We eat simply so that others may simply eat.”** With the celebration of **communion today**, we invite you to make a special donation to the Benevolent Fund. This is a discretionary fund used by the ministers to offer financial support to individuals and households in the congregation and community. Thanks to the congregation’s generosity, we have been able to subsidize fees for events and programs at the church, we have kept the utilities on in people’s homes, we have put food in children’s lunch bags. With your help, we can continue to respond to these emergencies, with compassion and care. Please use the Benevolent Fund envelope in this bulletin.

**Blessing of the Animals service is happening on today, 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!



**TODAY is the last day that Social Action and Outreach Committee will be selling Vesey’s Fall Bulbs** as a Refugee Fundraiser. Remember to order yours during coffee hour.

**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 Debbies or on Sunday morning and give them to Marilyn law. We would like to have these by **October 12**. Thank you.

**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.



**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](mailto:nandjdurkee@ncf.ca) or call Marlene Hutchison at 613-731-2159 or contact the Bazaar Convener Nancy McPherson at: [nmacpherson@rogers.com](mailto:nmacpherson@rogers.com)

**It's time to think about the Bazaar!** The annual Rideau Park Bazaar takes place Saturday, November 2 :00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is "O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree". I am delighted to serve as this year's convener. Tea Room tickets will be on sale every Sunday during Coffee Hour and throughout the week in the church office. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Nancy McPherson, 613-737-7339 or [nmcpheperson@rogers.com](mailto:nmcpheperson@rogers.com).

**Because it's Bazaar time again,** and every room is used, *please note that the following activities are cancelled on these dates:* **Wednesday, October 30th:** Gentle Yoga; **Thursday, October 31st:** Quilting, Healing Pathway, 50+ Fitness, Euchre, Hearsay and choir practices for KinderPraise, Joyful Noise 1 and 2, and Cherubs. (*Chancel Choir, Bells and Chimes practices are still on*). **Friday, November 1st:** Morning Yoga and Chair Yoga. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](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.

**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](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca)

**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.

Rideau Park is now registered as a “Green Church” with the Green Churches Network. We have been invited to the **Green Churches Forum 2019**, October 19-20 at Trois Rivières Quebec. If you would be interested in participating on our behalf, please contact Elizabeth Bryce or see <https://greenchurches.ca/green-churches-forum03riv> for more information.

**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>.

Come and travel with Rev. Kim for 14 days, July 31 – August 13, 2020, and experience the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play presented every 10 years. Tour includes visits to Frankfurt, Wittenberg, Berlin, Potsdam, Nuremberg, Munich and a two-day trip to Prague. Early bird discount of \$300.00 applies until November 15, 2019. **An information session will be held on Thursday October 24, 9:30 am at Bells Corners United.** For more information, contact Rev. Kim Vidal [kim.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:kim.vidal@gmail.com)) or pick up a brochure on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

**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.

Activities Calendar: Oct 6 – Oct 12			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
Meditation	9:10am	B-9	Oct 6	Sandra Graham Korjus
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		Joann & Jon, Jessica & Chelsea Roebuck
Drumming	11:30am	B-13		
Blessing of the Animals	2:00pm	Side Parking Lot	Oct 13	Glenys Pike
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>				Helen Beck
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		Wayne & Janice Bond
UCW Executive	1:00pm	Beecroft	Oct 20	
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		Carolyn & John Scollick
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		Shailja Verm
<b><u>Tues:</u></b>				Janet Buske-Wichser
Unit 2 Pie making	8:30am	B. Kitchen	Sunday Duty Officers	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Coffee Break	9:00am	Parlour		
C. A. Planning	10:00am	Brackenridge	Oct 6	Diane Keevil-Harrold
Unit 7 Pie making	1:30pm	B. Kitchen		Don & Lois Harper
Unit 3	6:30pm	Parlour		Lorna McCrae
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary	Counting Volunteers	
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>				
Unit 2 Pie making	8:30am	B. Kitchen		
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12	Oct 7	Gary Lindberg
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12		John Scollick
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>				Lois Jensen
Unit 2 Pie making	8:30am	B. Kitchen	Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Visit our website: rideaupark.ca Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour		
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9	Oct 16	
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour		
Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12		
NoteAble Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary	Oct 21	
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-13		
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12		
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary	Oct 21	
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Friday</u></b>				
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour	Oct 21	
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour		

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