

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
Epiphany 4



Rideau Park United Church

*We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of the unceded Algonquin land where this church is built. Rideau Park is an Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds.*

**Sunday, January 26, 2020- Epiphany 4**  
**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

Prelude

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: *"You shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice."* Isaiah 60: 5

\*Call to Worship:

One: Come let us worship and lift our hearts...

Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

**All: But because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it rests in God.**

One: Come let us worship and sing together . . .

Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

**All: But because even those who walk in darkness  
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star**

One: Come let us worship and pray together . . .

Not because God gives us what we want,

**All: But because God gives us what we need –  
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

\*Hymn: 530 VU

**All Beautiful the March of Days**

Forest Green

Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Prayer of Confession: (Unison - seated)

Source of Light: you call us out of night's darkness to live in the radiance of your love.

You have sent Jesus, Sun of Righteousness to illuminate the way!

You have trusted us to be reflectors of your light in all the world.

But, forgive us, God: too often we have chosen shadow

rather than the light of day;

too often we have chosen other stars to follow;

often we have hidden the light you have put in us,  
as we fear shining too brightly.  
Forgive us God,  
and fill us once again with the radiant promise of Epiphany. Amen.  
*(a time of silent reflection and prayer)*

Sung Response: 75 MV (3x)      Veni Sancte Spiritus  
Holy Spirit, come to us,  
kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

A Time for all God’s Children

**Hymn: 71 MV (seated)      When the Winds of Winter Blows**  
***(Following the hymn, the children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes.)***

Scripture reading: Isaiah 9:1-4      Reader: John Durkee

Anthem:      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross “      Mozart  
Chancel Choir

Scripture reading: Matthew 4:12-23      Reader: John Durkee

Sermon:      Home Town Saviour      Steve Clifton

**\*Hymn: 563 VU      Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore      Pescador de Hombres**

## OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music:  
Soloist:

“Is Not His Word Like a Fire?  
James Coole-Stevenson

by Mendelssohn

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: 509 VU**

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

Here I Am, Lord

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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

Feb 1	Worshiplude Service	4:00pm
Feb 9	Annual Congregation Meeting	11:00am
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday Service and Encarna	7:15pm

**Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.** Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. as members gather. The annual fee is \$4.00. At 12:00 noon, a delicious lunch will be served by volunteers (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a presentation. The presentation will be by Ron Bell, who will present "Healing of Magic to Heal People With Mental and Physical disorders". Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. Please plan to join us again on February 26.

**Wednesday January 29, 9:00-10:00 am – RALLY TO DECLARE A HOUSING EMERGENCY:** AT Marion Dewar Plaza, in support of the motion before Ottawa City Council to declare a housing emergency. The rally is organized by the Council Liaison for Housing and Homelessness.

**After a day at Winterlude, join us for the Worshiplude youth church service on Saturday Feb. 1, at 4:00 p.m.** followed by a pizza dinner (cost: \$10.00 each). Worshiplude 2020 is a winter worship and fellowship event for youth and young adults aged 12-24 hosted by the United Church of Canada. More info. contact 613-733-3156 x229 or [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca)

**Sunday, February 2** is the first Sunday of the month, and the day RPUC collects non-perishable food items for the **Heron Emergency Food Centre**. Items requested include: canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned fish/meat, canned soup, chick peas, kidney beans, canned fruit, canned beans, canned tomatoes, dry pasta and coffee. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, there are special envelopes at the entrances to the sanctuary.

***The next deadline for submissions to ChurchPost is Friday, February 7 at NOON. Please email your notices to Nancy McPherson at [nmcpherson@rogers.com](mailto:nmcpherson@rogers.com).***

**On Sunday, February 9**, following the service, we hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:15 a.m.** in Beecroft Hall. Agenda items include: receiving 2019 financial statements, approval of 2020 Budget, reports from Strategic Planning and Property Renewal. All members and adherents are able to vote, and your input is needed! Lunch will be provided.

**Valentine Coffee (and Tea!) Party: Thursday, February 13, 9:30 - 11:30**

**a.m.** Enjoy coffee and tea while choosing from the Bake Table, perusing the Potpourri Table and checking out the quilts for sale. All are welcome, meet some neighbours, bring a friend. Freewill offering. More information, 613-733-3156 x229. or, [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca)



Rideau Park's **Euchre Club** meets every **Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 .m., until June.** Join us for cards, refreshments, conversation and fun. All are welcome. A small donation helps cover refreshments. More info, call 613-733-3156 x229, [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca)

**Come join your voices to the worship services that Georgina leads monthly at the following retirement residences:**

**Oakpark** on Wednesday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m;

**Hunt Club Manor** on Thursday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m.

**Billings Lodge** on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:45 a.m.

**Maplewood** on Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 25. Everyone**

**is invited to a Pancake Supper starting at 5:30 p.m.** The Supper is hosted by the 28th Ottawa Scouts, with a menu of pancakes, sausages, veggies, and dessert. Tickets are Adults: \$10.00, Children: \$6.00, and are available from the church office (Mon-Fri. 9am-4pm) and at the door. For more info please call : 613-733-3156 ext. 229 or [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca)



**Wednesday, February 26, starting at 6:30 – Encarna and Labyrinth on Ash Wednesday.**

Encarna is a multimedia journey through prayer stations and meditation, from **6:30– 8:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The Labyrinth will also be set up in Beecroft Hall. At **7:15**, we will move into the chancel area for an Ash Wednesday service, with communion.

**Healing Pathway:** Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and on the third Sunday evening of the month, 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.

*Gentle reminder: Please refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort /sensitivity of others.*

**RPUC Website:** Go to [rideaupark.ca](http://rideaupark.ca) for all the latest church news and information on upcoming events, and join us on Sunday mornings for our live streaming service. This site is maintained by the office staff and volunteers.

The Refugee Committee will be holding an **E-Recycling Program** on **Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Rideau Park United Church. Bring your old TV's, VCRs, DVD, Blu-Ray players, audio and stereo equipment, cameras, phones and cellular devices, laptops, computers and all accessories, printers, speakers, remotes, gaming systems, etc. Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) will recycle the used electronics. Proceeds will benefit the Refugee Fund.

Join the Social Action and Outreach Committee on **Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 a.m. for a Lunch and Learn with Multi Faith Housing Initiative.** The current story in Ottawa is that thousands of individuals and families are without permanent homes or adequate temporary living facilities. How do you make a change? Come and find out from our speakers MFI United Church Board Representative Sue Smarkala, and Manager of Community Engagement and Volunteers Sahada Alolo. Multi Faith Housing Initiative exists for one purpose, we want all people in Ottawa to have safe, continuous affordable housing. When one person or one family has a safe, adequate, and affordable place to call home, their lives are changed. But when entire communities and cities like Ottawa provide housing and basic social services to the poor, the country is positively changed.

**Parents, youth, and the young at heart:** It's Musical Theatre time again!!! After the success of last year's ***Oh, Jonah!***, this year's production of ***The Jungle Book*** is sure to be a hit! This is a larger scale show, which will require 32 (or more) actors, singers and dancers, as well as back-stage help from teens and adults. The performance will be at **Rideau Park** on **Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 (if 2 shows are warranted).** **Rehearsals and signup begin in February.** Rehearsals are primarily on weekends. For a sample rehearsal schedule, or to ask questions, please contact Music Ministry Coordinator, Iain Macpherson ([choirdirector@rideaupark.ca](mailto:choirdirector@rideaupark.ca); 613 733-3156. ext. 301)

**Rendezvous 2020:** The UCC's triennial youth and young adult national gathering will be held in Calgary next summer, from August 11 to 14. Rendezvous is for young people age 14 and up and it is really a great experience. Questions? Speak to Steve or Elizabeth.

**Imperial Cities & Oberammergau - August 1-12, 2020:** Rev. Kim Vidal invites you to travel with her to visit the Imperial Cities in Europe: Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Munich and experience the world renowned Oberammergau Passion Play presented every 10 years. For more information, please email: [kim.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:kim.vidal@gmail.com)

Activities Calendar: Jan 26 – Feb 1		
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>		
Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Drums Alive	11:30am	B-13
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>		
Knitting	12:30pm	Beecroft
UCW Executive	1:30pm	Parlour
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Tues:</u></b>		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Tai Chi (new!)	10:15am	Parlour
Pastoral Care	1:30pm	Parlour
Social Action	7:30pm	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>		
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12
Gentle Yoga	5:00pm	B12
Session	7:30pm	Parlour
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>		
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Quilters	9:30am	Parlour
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour
Strategic Planning	6:00pm	B-9
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft
Xpression Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-3
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12
GraceNotes	6:15pm	Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>		
Gentle Yoga	9:30am	Parlour
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>		
Worshiplude	4:00pm	Sanctuary

Coffee Hour Volunteer	
Jan 26	Beth Campbell-Keyes
	Bob & Margo Roden
	Sandra Graham
Feb 2	Wayne & Janet Bond
	Daryl & Garry Lindberg
	Kathy Comfort
Feb 9	Nancy & John Durkee
	Karen Humphries & Rob Blake
Sunday Duty Officers	
Jan 26	Merina Shulist
Feb 2	Lynn Sherwood
Feb 9	Elaine Robertson
Counting Volunteers	
Jan 27	Garry Lindberg
Feb 3	Bob Roden
Feb 10	John Scollick
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