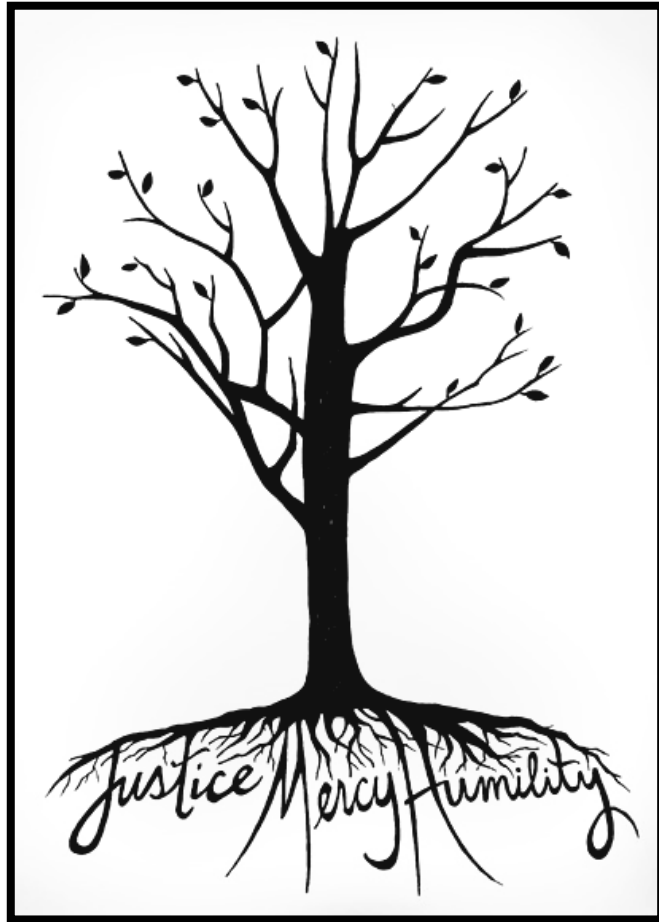


Sunday, February 2, 2020
Epiphany 5



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.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Gathering Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: *“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others.”* Matthew 5:15

***Call to Worship:**

ONE: On this Sabbath day, we remember how we are called to be God’s people.

ALL: Through the words of prophets and poets, through still small voices, and the questions of a child.

ONE: On this Sabbath day, we are shaped by holy scripture and justice-making, by infinite compassion and tools for peace.

ALL: Let us take time to settle in to God’s word. Let our light shine and our hands reach out.

ONE: Let us worship God.

***Hymn: 220 VU**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

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

Prayer of Confession: *(Responsive - seated)*

ONE: Give us, O God, an eye for injustice.

ALL: When we are able to feel its awful sting then we will be moved to make things right.

ONE: Give us, O God, a tender heart.

ALL: We confess that sometimes we are too hard-hearted to recognize when we have been uncaring, unfeeling or unkind.

ONE: Grant us, O God, the ability to see as people grounded on the earth.

ALL: All our lives we have been taught to look up, to see ahead, to hold our heads High- all the while missing the virtues of being “poor in spirit”.

ONE: Teach us, holy God, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.
Amen.

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 701 VU

What Does the Lord Require of You

Moon

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: Micah 6: 6-8

Reader:

Anthem:

“Teach Me, O Lord “
Chancel Choir

Atwood

Scripture reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Reader:

Sermon:

Admission Requirements

Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 176 MV**

Three Things I Promise

OUR RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory Music:

Soloist:

“Beau Soir”
Noah Bragança

Debussy

*Offertory Response: 540 VU

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit, large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 382 VU**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(verse 3 in French)

Trentham

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Tax receipts will be available for pickup in front of the sanctuary on Sunday, and from the office during the week.

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 9	Annual Congregation Meeting	11:15am
Feb 16	Recognition of Session and Stewards	10:00am
Feb 23	Scouting/Guiding Sunday	10:00am

Today, 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, and in your bulletins this morning. Thank you.

Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music committee have invited **Tim O'Loan of Mamawi Together** to discuss the meaning and importance of opening worship services and other events with a land acknowledgement. Everyone interested is welcome to join in the conversation.

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.

SCHUBERT: Brad Christensen, who brought the house down last October in Andrew Ager's "Frankenstein", is returning! **February 9, at 3:00 p.m. at RPUC**, Brad will present selections from Schubert's masterpiece "**Winterreise - A Winter Journey**". Andrew will accompany him and play some solo pieces by Schubert. What better way to spend a frosty afternoon? Tickets are just \$25.00 (adults) /\$15.00 (students) and available at the door or at coffee following today's service. Please join us!



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

Please note: The office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Family Day.

The next deadline for submissions to ChurchPost is Friday, February 7 at NOON. Please email your notices to Nancy McPherson at nmcpherson@rogers.com.

Have a Heart Day 2020 - Bring a valentine to church or sign one of ours and we will send them to the Prime Minister to tell him "We love all children in Canada. They should have equal access to health care and education."



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.

On Tuesday, February 25 we will be having our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!**

Tickets will be available to purchase today at Coffee Time after the service, and from the office during the week (613-733-3156 ext 229). Adult: \$10.00, Children under 12: \$6.00. This is a fundraiser for our 28th Scouts and Venturers who are working towards a trip to Poland.

Rideau Park's next Harmony Club for Seniors 60+ monthly gathering will be on Wednesday, February 26. Lunch at 12:00 noon; please register for lunch at the church office by Wednesday, February 19. From 1:00-2:00pm, enjoy a talk by Nancy and John Durkee on their recent 5-week excursion to Italy. All Seniors welcome.

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 7:00p.m. 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.



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.

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

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 begin February 8**. Sign-up is on February 1 I at the Sunday School counter, or by email. For a sample rehearsal schedule, or to ask questions, please contact Music Ministry Coordinator, Iain Macpherson (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

Highly recommended: For anyone 50 years or older, you should think about contacting **FreeEmergencyContactCard.com**. Just fill out the form and they will send you a *plasticized emergency contact card you can carry in your wallet or purse*. Tell your friends about this important **free** service.

Would you be interested in an Alaskan Cruise in the spring of 2021? Please let Georgina know if you're interested. More details will be forthcoming. This is not a hosted cruise, it's just friends travelling with friends.

Activities Calendar: Feb 2– Feb 8			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<u>Sunday:</u>			Feb 2	Wayne & Janet Bond
Meditation	9:10am	B-9		Daryl & Garry Lindberg
Worshiplude Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		Kathy Comfort
<u>Monday:</u>			Feb 9	Nancy & John Durkee
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		Karen Humphries & Rob Blake
Ringin' Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
<u>Tues:</u>			Feb 16	Susan & Colin Townsend
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		Christy Harris
Tai Chi (new!)	10:15am	Parlour		Pat Whitridge & Pierre Quesnel
<u>Wednesday:</u>			Sunday Duty Officers	
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12	Feb 9	Elaine Robertson
Gentle Yoga	5:00pm	B12	Feb 16	Lorna McCrae
Worship/Music	7:30pm	Parlour	Feb 23	Janet Buske-Wichser
<u>Thursday:</u>			Counting Volunteers	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	Feb 10	John Scollick
Quilters	9:30am	Parlour	Feb 19	Mark Inman
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour	Feb 24	Christel Kurz
Strategic Planning	6:00pm	B-9	Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Visit our website: rideaupark.ca Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca	
HearSay	5:45pm	Beecroft		
Xpression Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12		
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-13		
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12		
GraceNotes	6:15pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
Strategic Planning	8:00pm	C7		
<u>Friday:</u>				
Gentle Yoga	9:30am	Parlour		
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour		
<u>Saturday:</u>				
Jungle Book Rehearsal	2:00pm	Brackenridge		
<i>Office closed on Family Day: Monday, February 17.</i>				

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