



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 10, 2022
PALM SUNDAY

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM GO TO
WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM**

HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PllaRmr2teVA>

MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good (cloudy) day to you!

I hope this finds you well and with some weekend plans to look forward to!

I believe I've written about the daily emails I receive from the Centre for Action and Contemplation, directed by Richard Rohr, who is a Catholic priest. Rohr is progressive, honest, accessible and deeply spiritual. The book club read his book "The Divine Dance" several years ago. I'm including his reflections about Christ suffering with us, as many of

us may be feeling like we are stuck in a very terrible groundhog day. (If you like what you read, below, subscribe to his emails and you will receive one each morning, for your consideration and contemplation.

Subscribe here: https://cac.org/email-sign-up/?utm_source=cm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DM&utm_content=DM_Join-Now)

May you have a wonderful weekend, knowing that God is with you at all times and in all places.

Blessings,
Jenni

Christ Suffers with Us

Father Richard reminds us that while we are invited to be in solidarity with the pain of others, God carries all pain:

Many people rightly question how there can be a good God or a just God in the presence of so much evil and suffering in the world—about which God appears to do nothing. Exactly *how* is God loving and sustaining what God created? That is our dilemma.

I believe—if I am to believe Jesus—that God is suffering love. If we are created in God's image, and if there is so much suffering in the world, then God must also be suffering. How else can we understand the revelation of the cross and that the central Christian logo is a naked, bleeding, suffering man?

Many of the happiest and most peaceful people I know love a crucified God who walks with crucified people, and thus *reveals and redeems their plight as his own*. For them, Jesus does not observe human suffering from a distance; he is somehow *in* human suffering, with us and for us.

The suffering that we carry is our solidarity with the one, universal longing of all humanity, and thus it can teach us great compassion and patience with both ourselves and others. Some mystics even go so far as to say that there is only one suffering; it is all the same, and it is all the suffering of God (see Colossians 1:24).

Episcopal priest Stephanie Spellers helps us understand how our one “entwined” suffering spurs us to take action in solidarity:

Solidarity is love crossing the borders drawn by self-centrism, in order to enter into the situation of the other, for the purpose of mutual relationship and struggle that heals us all and enacts God’s beloved community.

Solidarity is the voice that finally comprehends: “You are not the same as me, but part of you lives in me. Your freedom and mine were always inextricably entwined. Now I see it, and because of what I see, I choose to live differently. I will go there, with you, for your sake and for my own.” . . .

Latina theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz [1943–2012] sums up solidarity as “the union of kindred persons” who work together toward “the unfolding of the ‘kin-dom’ of God.” [1] The bottom line is not who wins or loses the struggle, or even who secures enough allies to flip the power dynamic. Isasi-Díaz wants us to see that the loving, sacrificial friendship at the heart of solidarity is itself the antidote to sin and oppression.

Domination, control, and self-or group-centric behavior alienate and separate us from God, from each other, and from ourselves as beloved children of God. By contrast, embracing union with oppressed and despised peoples, placing any privilege you hold at the disposal of the movement to dismantle oppression and alienation and to restore balance and wholeness to human community—*this* solidary love is how we most closely and faithfully follow Jesus and join him in beloved community. [2]

[1] Ada María Isasi-Díaz, “Solidarity: Love of Neighbor in the 21st Century,” in *Lift Every Voice: Constructing Christian Theologies from the Underside*, ed. Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite and Mary Potter Engel, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1998), 32.

[2] Stephanie Spellers, *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community* (New York: Church Publishing, 2021), 107, 109.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *A Spring Within Us: A Book of Daily Meditations* (Albuquerque, NM: CAC Publishing, 2016), 120, 122.

Prayer For Our Community

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than

enough, because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen. [Listen to Father Richard pray this prayer aloud.](#)

OUTREACH

REFUGEES

No news yet regarding the travel of our Burundian refugee family. We'll notify everyone as soon as we hear. We are still looking for possible "soft landing" accommodation for a week or 2 after the arrival of the family. Please notify Norah Patriquin if you have possible space or suggestions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Partage Share PS Ottawa, launched over the past few months in affiliation with Stone Soup Network/SSN in Toronto, is up and running, matching contributions of goods and services with our needy neighbours in Carlington. See the PS Ottawa website at <https://www.partageshare.org> for more detail. We need volunteers to find contributions from places you shop, local businesses, etc. Donations of purchased gift certificates also very welcome.

Please consider joining us for a short, very practical online session with SSN Founder Alexa Gilmour, to hear the "positive pitch" that has worked well with SSN. Contact Norah at patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or 613-601-4456 if you can join us for this short online session. Date and time to follow ASAP. Alexa is wonderfully inspiring!

The Carlington Community Chaplaincy is also encouraging individuals to support our Carlington neighbours, in a personalized approach: Neighbour 2 Neighbour. Individual donors may use the Partage Share web link: <https://www.partageshare.org/donate> to add their contributions. All of us have gifts to share: our time, interests, skills, empathy and faith; the human dimension that we can provide for the Chaplaincy. A few of many possible options are shown below.

Email Shemi Adeoye, Program/Volunteer Coordinator, at programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com or phone her at 613-728-9933 for more info and to offer your services. Shemi will get back to you to discuss the details.

Volunteer examples: provide and serve monthly brunches; drive residents to appointments; provide a truck to transport larger items; pick up groceries for food program; visit at the drop-in; bake for special events; share coffee or lunch with residents; join in a program (creative art, writing, cooking); teach an instrument; offer sessions in personal development, coping skills, leadership; take a family to a fun event; help with tax returns, etc..

These 2 initiatives Partage Share PS Ottawa and Neighbour 2 Neighbour should both help the Chaplaincy better support Carlington residents, one through businesses and the other through individuals. Thank you for helping us help Carlington!

PALM SUNDAY FLOWERS FOR PASTORAL CARE



Flowers for our friends in Pastoral Care

Sunday, April 10th after church - There are flowers that were purchased by the Pastoral Care Circle for all of our friends in Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Care Circle asks, that you please take a look at the names on the list and if you see someone that is familiar or lives in your neighbourhood or you would just like to help by delivering a flower.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Kitchissippi United Church will be holding its Annual General/ Congregation meeting on **Sunday, April 24, 2022** after worship (11:30am) in the church Sanctuary and by Zoom. More information will come soon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Lenten Reflection series at RPUC: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, join us on Zoom for a time of reflection and prayer on themes from the Lord's Prayer:

Rideau Park United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Lenten Reflections Join Zoom Meeting <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5583434610>

ONGOING

Broadview Reading Club - Tuesdays from 1 - 3pm. Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>.

The Broadview articles for April 12 are p7-11 and p20-25.

UCW Fellowship and spring cleaning of the kitchen! Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 pm.

Mens Group (online) - Gentlemen of KUC and the wider community meet **Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00**. Discussions are wide ranging, as we attempt to solve all the world's problems, every week. If you want to join the Men's Group discussion please contact Doug Patriquin patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or Clayton Porteous at porteousclayton@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

Rideau Park United Church Meditation Group Online: Thursdays at 10am

Twenty minutes of quiet, peace, and mindfulness, shared Meditation is not difficult. And group meditation is a deepening experience. To join in the live group, please email Rev. Steve Clifton for the Zoom link sclifton@rideaupark.ca

WIDER CHURCH



FIBRE FLING 2022 Virtual Art Show and Sale

Saturday, April 23 to Sunday, May 8, 2022

Visit us online at: www.fibre-fling.ca

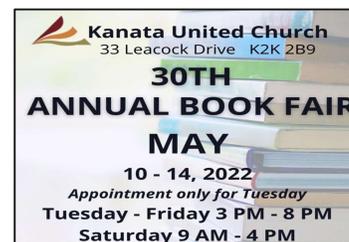
FIBRE FLING 2022 showcases over 150 dazzling original works of art created by local textile and mixed media artists. These one-of-a-kind pieces are hand made using innovative approaches to traditional and contemporary techniques, such as dyeing, embroidery, beading, and felting. A portion of the show proceeds are donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Ottawa Food Bank.

30th Annual KUC Annual Book Fair - May 10 - 14

Appointments only for Tuesday.

Tuesday - Friday 3 - 8 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM

Gift cards are available. Proceeds go toward KUC programming and local community outreach. See www.kuc.ca for more details!



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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Palm Sunday