



# Almonte United Church

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**Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30 am**

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have lived on and cared for this land. We seek to rebuild right relations with the Algonquin Anishinaabe, to learn from them, and to live on their land with respect and gratitude.

## **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation:**

**for light and darkness;**

**for air, wind, and sky;**

**for earth and sea;**

**for seeds, harvests, and plant life;**

**for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;**

**for every living creature, swarming, flying, creeping,  
and grazing;**

**for our lives.**

**In our actions, meditations, and prayers,  
may we honour and celebrate your very good Creation,  
as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and  
love in good and healing ways.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn: MV# 30 “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Children's Story**

**Choir Anthem: "Peace In the Valley"**

## **Mission and Service Story**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd.

## **Sermon**

**\*Hymn: MV#135 "Called By Earth and Sky"**

**The offering is collected-**

**\*Sung Response: MV#191**

*"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" x2*

**Dedication of Offerings**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn: VU#884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (*sing 3 times*)**

## **Blessing**

**As we experience each tree, each flower, each bird, each bee, and each human,**

**let us feel our God reflected in creation.**

**As we look upon God's world,**

**let us share the love of Christ.**

**As we love one another, may your Spirit give us the strength we need to care for each and every part of creation.**

**Amen**

## **Postlude**

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY for collecting our single use plastics - April 21st! The AUC youth, with some extra Sunday School and community helpers, are pretty excited to unveil their project on Sunday, April 28th. THANK YOU for bringing in 1 or 100 items! We couldn't do it without you!

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Everyone is invited to stay after service to enjoy our pot luck lunch and guest speaker, Vicki Basset. Vicki is a nurse who has developed a passion for talking about navigating significant medical diagnosis. It should be a very interesting session and the material will be relevant to everyone but may be of significant interest to those facing challenging diagnoses themselves or with family and friends.

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### **Financial Donations by E-transfer:**



During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address is [office@almontheunited.com](mailto:office@almontheunited.com) and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

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**Greeters Needed-** We're looking for a few more people to join the Greeter Schedule. It's an easy yet important job. Duties including greeting folks at the door as they arrive and then passing the offering plate. Please let Rev. Mary know if this is something you can help with once a month.

## Upcoming Events

### The Second Annual Plant Sale 2024

The Second Annual AUC Plant Sale will be taking place on May 18th. We will welcome any and all plant donations you wish to make. We are hoping that we will have more vegetable plants, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers etc. for sale this year as well as some roots of asparagus and rhubarb. This is a great time to start some seedlings or think about what we would like to do with your flower and vegetable gardens.



Refreshment Booth: beverages, sandwiches, muffins, and baked goods for sale. All proceeds will go to the Likulezi Project (Malawi, East Africa).

Donations of muffins and baked goods would be gratefully accepted. Please package your items. We will price them.

If you would like to help with the set up on May 17th or the actual sale on the 18th, please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin boards.

Keep sprouting.



# WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday from 10 to 2**

**Tuesday from 10 to 2**

**Thursday from 10 to 2**

Monday to Friday

9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, April 22

10:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

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5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 24

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, April 25

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 Council Meeting

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

10:30 Sunday Worship – **Camping Sunday**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga





*Do you miss seeing some people at Church? If so, phone or email them and ask them to meet you at Church and to join us for coffee after Worship.*



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<b>Custodian:</b>	<b>Kim Julian</b>
<b>Office:</b>	<b>Virginia Atkinson</b>
<b>Counter this month:</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Pat Lesser</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>George &amp; Linda Mills</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Mary MacMeekin</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Terri-Lynn Funnekotter</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Mary MacMeekin</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>

***N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator!  
It can be found on the table outside the office door.***

