



Almonte United Church

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Sunday, February 25, 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

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus enters our village today to the laughter of our children

All: The graciousness of our elders

One: The excitement of our friends

All: The songs of the choir

One: He has come to us, to the burdens that we carry,

All: Bringing the peace that we seek, and the hope that we cling to

One: Jesus enters our village today, and we receive him gladly.

***Hymn: MV#12 “Come Touch Our Hearts”**

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Confession

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Anthem: “ The Welcome Table”

Children's Story

Mission and Service Story

Scripture Reading: Psalm 147: 1-11, Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon

***Hymn: MV#79 "Spirit Open Our Hearts"**

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

Celebration of Holy Communion (by Rev. Tracy Howe Wispelwey)

Invitation:

This is the table of our Lord, a fellowship that endures history and the trials of our past, present and future with an invitation that rings out through communities and creation, calling you to come as you are.

Come because you are beloved and invited, whether you know it or not, feel it or not. Come and be fed; come and find healing; come and be renewed for the journey ahead.

Come and know that the Lord invites sinner and saint, oppressor and oppressed, colonizer and colonized, Indigenous and displaced, the corporate CEO and the migrant farmer, the bold and courageous and, the fearful and complacent, for we are one humanity, all children of our Creator, all in need of forgiveness and bread.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you praise God, for your beauty, goodness, creating power and providential care: in making the world; establishing the covenant; teaching us how to care for one another and creation, speaking truth through the prophets; showing mercy in spite of our violence, selfishness and systems of oppression; and giving us the love of God in the gift of Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving and faith, we remember the Lord Jesus, born into our world, breathing our air, celebrating our humanity, building community with all people of all ages, the despised, the popular, the powerful and meek, mourning our losses, dying in our state sanctioned violence, faithful to everything God laid before him, and steadfast in his redeeming love for us. In resurrection he showed us that death and all that leads to death can be overcome by this life and love.

Holy Spirit, draw us into communion with Christ and with one another; to nourish us in Christ's body and in the beloved community you are making; to keep us faithful in ministry; and to hasten the coming of the reign of God, with justice and beauty.

Now praying as the Lord Jesus taught us, to God our Mother and Father, we say...

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread:(by Alydia Smith)

When we share the bread, the pita, the tortilla and the rice,
together we remember that Jesus was strongest and most
powerful in his weakest and most vulnerable moments.

This broken loaf is the bread of life.

<<*bread is broken*>>

When we fill this cup we remember the common cup, and
the abundant blessings that have been entrusted to us.

This is the cup of blessing.

<<*wine is poured*>>

The gifts of God for the People of God,

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: MV#28 “God of the Bible”**

Blessing

Jesus said: I will go into the village. We recognize the call to
go forth into the world carrying the light of Christ.

May the spirit of those words guide us as we leave this place

**May we not be afraid to share that light with siblings
And may the hope of Christ shine ever brightly in our
Black History Month Celebrations, Amen.**

Postlude



—Our service today was written by *Pastor Charmain Bailey was born in Antigua and moved to Canada in 1995. She has served at Bedford and Central United Churches in Windsor, Ontario and Trinity United in London. A trained jazz vocalist, she incorporates her passion for singing in her ministry. Charmain became the first Black person to be*

commissioned in the history of The United Church of Canada, an honour she carries with pride and determination.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

NEW ! 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, February 26

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 pm Almonte Embers

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, February 29

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

10:30 Sunday Worship

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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Greeter next week:	Ron & Leslie Williamson
Reader:	Amanda Pulker- Mok
Reader next week:	Eleanor Rintoul
Sunday School:	Margie Graff

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

