



Almonte United Church

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Sunday March 17, 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: (*Touching head*) Creator, touch our minds—

All: (*Touching head*) that we may worship with understanding.

One: (*Touching above eyes*) Christ, touch our eyes—

All: (*Touching above eyes*) that we may recognize each other.

One: (*Touching lips*) Holy Spirit, touch our voices—

All: (*Touching lips*) that our words would always praise you.

One: (*Touching chest, above heart*) Love Divine, touch our hearts—

All: (*Touching chest, above heart*) that your compassion would overflow.

One: (*Placing one hand on top of the other, palms up*) God of all, touch our hands—

All: (*Placing one hand on top of the other, palms up*) that all we touch would be blessed, that all we touch would

**be transformed, that all we touch would be made new,
by your love.**

***Hymn: MV#120 “My Soul Cries Out”**

Welcome & Announcements

Children’s Story

Choir Anthem: “A Lenten Prayer”

Mission and Service Story

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 End of the Age

Sermon

***Hymn: VU#586 “We Shall Go Out With Hope of
Resurrection”**

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#642 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

(cont’d)

**the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Lenten Challenge

Our challenge continues. As you add to your coin wrapper(s), continue to reflect on what you have and what you can afford to share.



The Prayer Flag Project

Our Sunday School and Youth Group will be creating Prayer Flags as part of their Lenten Journey to Easter and we are hoping you might be able to help! As we are focusing on caring for creation, we would like to use as much repurposed and upcycled supplies as possible. If you are able to bring in any of the following items, it will be greatly appreciated. Thanks so much!

Your AUC Sunday School and Youth Group

Materials Needed:

- old sheets, pillowcases, shirts, jeans, etc....
 - fabric scraps and larger pieces, burlap, material rice bags, felt
 - bendable wire, fabric glue, fabric paint
 - small shells, beach glass, beads, buttons
 - old stencils, old, coloured plastic containers
 - ribbons, sequins, tassels, yarn, embroidery
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The next Community Friendship luncheon is **this Tuesday March 19th**. There will be four kinds of tasty sandwiches, soup, lovely homemade desserts and tea and coffee. The cost of admittance is \$10 per person. Held at the Almonte United Church, the luncheon starts at 12:00 noon.



The Easter Extravaganza Market is coming together well. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help this Saturday at the sale. The times are from 10-2. If you can share an hour or two with us that would be great. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

We have been hearing about lots of great baking, candy, comfort foods, sauces and preserve ideas as well as your hand made/crafted ideas. Everything will find a place on the tables.

Great additions to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Who ever thought there would be two very different pineapple cake recipes, and neither were for pineapple upside down cake! We are looking forward to your creations. Just because someone else is making what you had thought of, don't let that stop you. We will need lots of items for the sale.

We will be able to accommodate a few frozen items. We prefer fresh items that can be frozen when the purchasers take them home. You may bring any items you have on Friday, March 22nd between 2 and 7pm or on Saturday between 8 and 9:30 am. Any questions, please chat with either Nancy Page or Mary Smiley.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

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 Almonte Co-Op Nursery School

Monday, March 18

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, March 19

12:00 Community Luncheon

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, March 21

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir Practice

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

10:00 Extravaganza Easter Market

Sunday, March 24

10:30 Sunday Worship – Palm Sunday

Sunday School

Youth Group





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:	Laurie Blackstock & Evelyn Ironside
Reader:	Bernadette van Duyvendyk
Reader next week:	Julie Julian
Sunday School:	Margie Graff

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

