

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The author argues that a one-size-fits-all approach to education is not only ineffective but also disrespectful to the diverse cultures of our world.

In the second part, the author explores the challenges of conducting research in non-Western contexts. One major challenge is the lack of standardized research methods that are applicable across different cultures. What works in one cultural setting may not work in another. The author provides examples of how researchers have adapted their methods to better fit the needs of their study populations. For instance, some researchers have found that using local languages and involving community members in the research process can lead to more accurate and meaningful results.

The third part of the paper focuses on the ethical considerations of cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the importance of obtaining informed consent from participants, especially in communities where there may be a power imbalance between researchers and the community. The author also discusses the potential for cultural appropriation and the need for researchers to be transparent about their intentions and the use of their findings. Ethical research is not just a moral imperative; it is also a practical necessity for ensuring the validity and reliability of the research.

Finally, the author concludes by discussing the future of cross-cultural research. They argue that as our world becomes increasingly globalized, the need for cross-cultural understanding will only grow. Researchers must continue to develop new methods and approaches that are sensitive to the complexities of different cultures. Collaboration between researchers from different cultural backgrounds is key to advancing our knowledge and improving the lives of people around the world.

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Sunday August 23, 2026 10:30 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement: We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The Call to Worship: (48 MV) The Call to Worship:

Leader: As we approach the arrival of seasonal change, may our hearts be open to hear God's voice as we gather for worship in this space.

Congregation: Lord, we come to learn your ways.

Leader: Today we gather called to be disciples.

Congregation: Teach us how to be a light of love and beacon of hope for those whose paths we cross.

Leader: Come let us worship and learn.

Congregation: Lord, our hearts and mind are open to receive. Come Lord, come.

Welcome and the Announcements

Opening Hymn: VU412 "This is the Day"

The Gathering Prayer: (unison)

God of us all, we gather before you in awe of your amazing grace. We give thanks for this day and the freedom to worship together in community. We ask that you send your spirit to remove the distractions of the world around us and

open our hearts and minds to hear your words of wisdom and how we might become living sacrifices in service to you. May our prayers and our songs be a pleasing offering in your sight. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Children's Time

The Choir

The Mission Moment

The Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans and the call to be a living sacrifice for God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is God's word spoken to our hearts. Amen.

Meditation (Sermon)

Hymn: VU 595, "We Are Pilgrims on a Journey"

Doxology: 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

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 209 (MV) "Go, Make A Difference"

Commissioning and Benediction

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SEEKING HELP WITH SOUND FOR SUNDAYS

Many thanks to John Day for the many hours he spent sitting in the back corner, ensuring that everyone hears the service on Sundays. A role no one notices until there is a sound issue. Sadly, John will be retiring from his sound tech role at the end of this month.

As a result, we are in need of a few church members to help with the sound. With the new soundboard, the volume and other adjustments are preset and the role now primarily consists of turning on and off the equipment and ensuring that there are fresh batteries in the remote microphone.

If you are interested in helping with this essential role, please speak with either Laurie Blackstock or Bob Lesser or contact Bob at robert.lessor@rogers.com. We don't want to have a service when no one can hear what is being said!

Thinking About Joining Our Church Family?

Have you found a home here at Almonte United?

We'd love to make it official!

On **September 20**, we'll be welcoming new members into our community. Becoming a member isn't about signing on to a strict list of rules or reciting an exact creed. It's simply about saying "yes" to a shared faith in God, committing to walk together in Christian service, and joining a community that's open, inclusive, and glad to have you exactly as you are. If you've been wondering whether this might be for you, let's talk about it! Call/text/email or drop by the office.

~ Heather



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@almonteunited.com and please include your name and contact information in the message line.



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. Davies know if this is something you can help out with

**Reverend Heather is on holidays from
August 10th until the 30th inclusively,**

**In case of a pastoral emergency
please contact Rev. Heather Kinkaid at
613-619-5966 or grovesprings@sympatico.ca**

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, August 24

10:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga
5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

Wednesday, August 26

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, August 27

6:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

3:00 Andrew Jahn Concert

Sunday, August 30

10:30 Sunday Worship
Sunday School
Youth Group
7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
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Greeter:	Marina Johnston & Kathy Stewart
Greeter next week:	Leon & Nancy Page
Reader:	Jill Moxley
Reader next week:	Emmett Badger
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock John Day



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

