



# ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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**Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory  
of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.*

*May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

**God of the smooth road, God of the rough places, God of the wilderness paths, thank you. Thank you for giving us safe space when everything is just too much. Thank you for blessing all creation with your presence, and with your love.**

**Open our hearts, we pray—open our minds— open our souls and fill them with your abundant love; not only so that we would be changed, not only so that we would be blessed, but so that we can be a blessing and be people of transformation, in your world. Amen.**

\*Hymn: MV#145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Story

Sr Choir Anthem: “He Chose Calvary”

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Samuel anoints David

Sermon

\*Hymn: VU#642 “Be Thou My Vision”

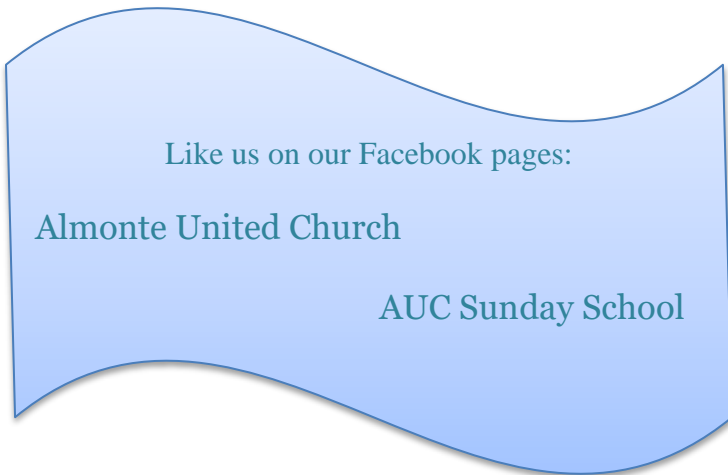
Dedication of Offerings

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: VU#703 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

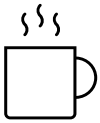
Benediction

Postlude



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## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Please join us for coffee after worship today when we will show our appreciation to Dini and Nick Frans for their dedication to preparing coffee each week. There will also be gluten free and dairy free treats made by Jessica, Ellie, Emmett and Graham to enjoy.



Anyone wanting something included in the bulletin must have their submission in by Wednesday by end of day, in order to have it included in the following Sunday's bulletin.



The Annual Report is ready and you should've received your electronic copy attached to this weeks newsletter. There will be a few 'hard' copies available. If you need to receive a printed copy please advise the Office.

### **Calling all voices !**



Our choir is in need of additional members. If you are interested in joining our church choir, please contact our music director Neil Milnes or one of the choir members.

## COMING EVENTS



### *The Plant Sale is coming!*

On Saturday, May 20th we will be hosting a plant sale on the lawn and parking lot of AUC starting at 9:00 am. In addition to seedlings, plants annual and perennial, and floral and vegetables we will be joined by the Likulezi Project, the Men's Shed and our Sunday School and Youth Group. If you would like to start seeds this is a good time to do so and we have pots available if you need any. If you would like to donate plants, indoor or outdoor, please label them before you bring them to us on May 20th.



The Council will meet on Thursday, March 30. **The Annual General Meeting is going to be on Sunday, April 2nd** following the Sunday morning service. This is an

important meeting, as we have not gathered in person for a full meeting for several years. It is an opportunity to be together for conversation and questions about the current status of the church. We will approve the budget for 2023 and appoint some new people to the Church Council. This meeting is for everyone connected to AUC in any way, there is no requirement to be a member or an active participant. Please let Rev. Mary know if you will be attending.



Recently, our Council Chair, Terry Church, stepped aside as Chair of the Council. Many thanks and much appreciation to Terry for his commitment and dedication. At our Annual General Meeting, that will be taking place on April 2nd, we will nominate Peter Mansfield as Chair of Council. Peter has

been an active and integral member of AUC for many years.  
We look forward to moving forward together.

## WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday: 7:00 am Almonte Co-Operative  
Nursery School

Monday, March 20

2:30 pm Lindsey Lambden Yoga  
5:30 pm Taekwon Do  
7:00 Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

5:45 pm Almonte Brownie Troop

Wednesday, March 22

9:30 am Mom & Baby Yoga  
5:30 pm Taekwon Do  
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 23

10:00 am M & P Committee meeting  
6:00 pm Discussion Group

Friday, March 24

7:00 pm Lindsay Lambden Karma Yoga Fundraiser for Turkiye

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

10:30. Sunday Worship  
Sunday School  
Youth Group

*Star word of the week:*

***Compassion***



*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>Allan Paul &amp; Ron MacMeekin</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Laurie Blackstock</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Julie Julian</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Dawn Morrison</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Emmett Badger</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.***





