



ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 Palm Sunday

*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

Palm Parade to Hymn: VU#412 “This is the Day”

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Story

Sr Choir Anthem: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21: 1-17 The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Sermon

*Hymn: VU#123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Dedication of Offerings

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: VU#409 “Morning Has Broken”

Benediction

Postlude

Why do we no longer wave palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Many people can remember waving Palm branches as part of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday so what happened to the Palms?

About ten to fifteen years ago churches began to realize the palms were grown in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and other Central American countries and the farmers were paid by the number of palms so they harvested the most they could without the luxury of sustainably or eco farming practices. Churches began to wonder why they were creating demand for this industry. Why fly in palms from another part of the world to be used for only two or three minutes? Surely there is something more local and indigenous to our local landscape that we could use as an alternative to show our joy and excitement. So today we are waving cedar branches from Margie's farm!



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



The Annual General Meeting is today

following the 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. **Join Us !**



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.

Like us on our Facebook pages:
Almonte United Church
AUC Sunday School

Check out our Website at Almonteunited.com

COMING EVENTS



The robins are singing and building their nests, the animals are emerging from their winter hibernation and the AUC Plant Sale will be happening on May 20th, rain or shine. If you would like to volunteer to set up, take down, be a cashier and/or be a runner or plant carrier, please sign up. Sign up sheets and a brief description of each task will be available on Sundays in the Upper Hall or during the week on the table outside the Office.

It is not too late to start some seeds. Herbs Veggies, Annuals and Perennials. Please label them as to what it is, whether sun or shade is needed, height and colour. We have pots if you need them. This is a great time to peruse, nursery and garden centre sites or seed and plant catalogues and dream what you might want in your garden and beds this year. If there is anything in particular that you would like, please let us know by signing up on the sheet beside the volunteer sheets. We can't guarantee that we will have what you want, however, we will see what we can do to find it.

Star word of the week:
HOPE

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 3
5:30 pm Taekwon Do

Tuesday, April 4
5:45 pm Almonte Brownie Troop

Wednesday, April 5
5:30 pm Taekwon Do
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 6
6:00 pm Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

Friday, April 7
10:30 am Good Friday Service
1200 pm Walk of the Cross (begins at Almonte Baptist Church)

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9
7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service (outside Town Office)
10:30 Sunday Worship: Easter Communion
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.



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

Monday from 10 to 2
Thursday from 10 to 3

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| Minister: | Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek |
| Choir Director: | Neil Milnes |
| Custodian: | Kim Julian |
| Office: | Virginia Atkinson |
| Counter this month: | Robert Lesser |
| Greeter: | Julie Julian |
| Greeter next week: | Evelyn Ironside |
| Reader: | Amanda Pulker-Mok |
| Reader next week: | Nick Frans |
| Sunday School: | Margie Graff |

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

