

ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 9th, 2023 Easter Sunday Worship 10:30

*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:

One: Jesus presented his wounded and scarred body to his disciples. The body of the resurrected Jesus showcased the wounds caused by oppressive power structures, ugly human envy, and fear of dismantling the status quo.

Many: We praise you Lord that the disciples were able to embrace the broken body of Jesus.

One: Even today, we witness the wounds of several bodies that have raised their voice against injustice, legs broken because they marched for justice, hands broken because they raised it against oppressive forces, and bodies tortured because they identified with victims of injustice.

Many: Give us the courage Lord, not to fear over these battered bodies but to embrace these bodies to gain

strength and righteous anger to continue to work for justice.

One: Today, the wounded body of the earth and earth communities speaks to us and shares with us the stories of the brutality of colonization, industrial violence on the earth, and subjugation of the eco-wisdom of the indigenous and traditional communities.

Many: Help us, Lord, today to embrace the broken body of the earth and the victims of climate change. Give us your wisdom to see that resurrection occurs in restoring peace with the earth and earth communities.

Hymn: VU#166 “Joy Comes with the Dawn”

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Anthem

Children’s Story

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28: 1-10 The Resurrection of Jesus

Sermon

Hymn: VU#155 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

The offering is collected-

Dedication of Offerings

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

Many: On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives. One: On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

Many: On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.

One: On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

Many: On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: It is through our neighbors and creation that we see the rising of Christ, O God.

Creator of Our Earth: We celebrate the shifting of seasons from one to the next. As the earth sheds its snow, it begins to drink in the warm rains and creation comes alive once again.

And so in this spirit of brightness and life, we celebrate.

We celebrate the risen Christ in our midst. We celebrate the table in which we can join together with friends and strangers, loved ones and enemies.

Through this meal which has stood the test of time, we covenant to love you, God. We covenant to love as Jesus the Christ loved us- loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Through a simple meal of grain and grape, we, your children, unite.

As we enter this season of Easter, we ask that the warm winds of the Spirit encircle this table and accompany us on our journey. May this Spirit help us to recognize the Christ-presence in our midst. May the Spirit open our souls in order for us to see humanity, God and creation through the eyes of Jesus.

It was Jesus who introduced this meal to his followers.

Even though Jesus knew he would be betrayed and deserted

by those at this supper, he still continued to join them at the table, sharing time and space with whom he grew closest. As the night lengthened, Jesus took a simple portion of bread. He blessed it and broke it, and shared it with the disciples. He urged them: Remember me.

Afterwards, Jesus took the cup. During his blessing, Jesus reminded them how he would go to the ends of the earth in his love for them.

Today, we celebrate this earth-shaking love of Jesus – a love that sent him to the cross and a love that lives eternally with us, encouraging us to live a resurrected life.

The Bread of Life and the Cup of the Covenant: Gifts to unite the Body of Christ.

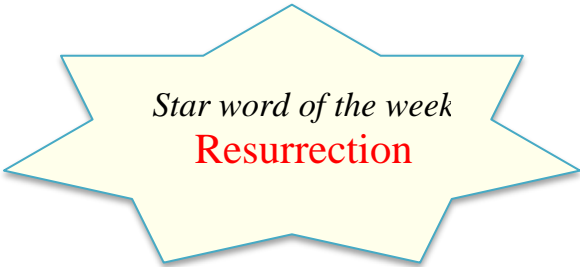
Many: Amen and Amen.

Distribution of Elements

*Hymn: MV#194 “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul”

Benediction

Postlude



Star word of the week

Resurrection

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 10
2:30 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

Tuesday, April 11
5:45 pm Almonte Brownie Troop

Wednesday, April 12
5:30 pm Taekwon Do
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 13
6:00 pm Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16
10:30 Sunday Worship
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
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***N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator!
It can be found on the table outside the office door.***

