



ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday May 28th, 2023 10:30 am Pentecost 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

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Take a breath. Feel the presence of God's Spirit fill your lungs.

(Everyone takes a deep breath.)

Feel the warmth of this place and the warmth of those around you in this community of faith.

All: We can feel God's fire burning inside of us, God's Spirit moving in this place.

One: Open yourselves to the wonders of God's creation, living and working in our lives.

All: God brings us together to help those around us and to be open to help offered to us.

One: This is a sacred place, a wonderful space, a gathering spot filled with care and love.

All: By the wonder of the Spirit, we are in God's presence. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Hymn: VU#381 "Spirit of Life" (sung three times)

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

Choir Anthem:" Sing when the Spirit Says Sing!"

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon

Hymn: VU#375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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 to my share" x2**

Dedication of Offerings

Celebration of Holy Communion

In a world cold and dark
Spirit's Flame glows;
Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness
to perceive her and receive her.
Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!

Divine Mystery,
Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.;
We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of Spirit.
Your love blows through all creation and makes it one;
We praise you, Divine Lover, for the gift of Spirit.
Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every
silence,
and your heartbeat lives within every living thing;
We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit.
But we have failed to value the life of other people,
other creatures, and the world You have given to be our
home.
Forgive us, Divine Life.
We have failed to recognise the connectedness of all things,
and have brought pain through division and exclusion.
Forgive us, Divine Lover.
For Christ's sake we ask you to breathe new life into us,
wash us clean, and ignite the fire of love in our hearts
again.
Amen.

**All: Let us invite the Divine Spirit to blow through our
lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer.
We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost faith in
themselves, in others and especially in you.
May Spirit renew and inspire them again.
We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost their hope
in what life can become for themselves and for all
people.
May Spirit encourage and challenge them again.**

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation
and brought order out of formlessness.
We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all.

We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God.

And so, as we gather at this table,
we recognise Spirit's Presence among us,
and we open our hearts to Spirit's influence.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion,
gathered his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

All: This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he passed it among them with these words:

All: This is my blood which is shed for you. Take, drink and remember me.

So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus and the Divine Love he showed us.

Amen.

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

Benediction

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Many thanks to all the gardeners who provided plants and seed bombs, for all the bakers who made the goodies and all the creators of the wooden planters for our Plant Sale on Saturday. Thank you to all the volunteers and all who purchased plants, treasures, treats or planters. It was fun, educational and sparked much joy. Looking forward to next year's endeavour.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS: Monday from 10 to 2

Thursday from 10 to 3

Friday 10 to 12 noon

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

Monday, May 29

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

7:00 pm Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 1

6:00 pm Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

7:30 Valley Voices Choir Practice

Friday, June 2

6:00 Andrew Jahn Piano Recital

Saturday, June 3

8:00 am Almonte Co-Operative Nursery School Garage Sale

Sunday, June 4

10:30 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group

6:00 pm Valley Voices Choir in Concert



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Greeter next week:	Ron & Leslie Williamson
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Reader next week:	Ellie Badger
Sunday School:	Margie Graff

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

