



# ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 10:30 AM

## A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS... LENTEN MUSIC SERVICE

### 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.*

### Call to Worship:

- **Leader:** Come, let us sing to the Lord a new song, even in this wilderness time.
- **All: We sing of God's mercy, which flows like streams in the desert.**
- **Leader:** Though our hearts may be heavy, our voices rise in hope.
- **All: We lift our song to the One who guides us to the cross and beyond. Let us worship God.**

### Opening Hymn: #661 VU "Come to My Heart"

### Welcome and Announcements

### Choir Anthem: What a Friend We Have In Jesus

### Opening Prayer:

God of all time  
And all seasons,  
As we enter the desert,

Shaped by minor keys  
And unaccompanied voices,  
Not an alleluia within earshot,  
Nor a piano slide on the horizon,  
Let us embrace the simplicity,  
Let us seek the stillness and surprises of the rest,  
For it is when our voices pause  
And our hands still  
That we can recognize  
Our own longings, our temptations, our failings  
And once again,  
Again and again,  
Create space for You  
In our hearts, in our lives,  
In our music.  
Amen. (Written by Kathy Felong)

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart: Listening for God's  
Song in the Quiet Times**

**Hymn #309 VU "Para, Para, Pitter Pat"**

**Minute for Mission**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 - adapted**

**Choir Anthem or Psalm 23 pg 747 VU**

**The Quiet Song (poem)**

**Answering God's Call in the Wilderness:**

**Hymn #371 Open My Eyes, That I May See VU** (*please remain seated*)

**Hymn #172 God Says MVU** (*please remain seated*)

**Hymn #142 Oh a Song Must Rise MVU** (*please stand, as you are able*)

**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 - Singing Bowls**

**Hymn #144 Like a Healing Stream MVU**

**Benediction**



*O Canada*

**Postlude**

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

### **THE ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE CROSS**

The annual Ecumenical Walk of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 3, starting at 12:00 noon.

Beginning at the Almonte Baptist Church (207 Reserve St.), we will walk together from church to church, pausing at each location to hear part of the story of Jesus’ journey to the cross through scripture readings and an unfolding visual re-enactment.

**We will need the following participants from our congregation:**

- **Two people** to read your church’s assigned portion of the script,
- **Two people** to carry the cross to the next location, and
- **One additional person** to carry the base of the cross.
- **One Marshall (from each church)** to help ensure the safety of the walkers, augmenting our St. Paul’s marshals. Marshals will be provided with safety vests and route maps.

You will receive an electronic copy of the script and a map of the route in advance for your reference. Printed copies of the script will be distributed at the start of the walk.

The route this year will be as follows:

Almonte Baptist Church » Community Presbyterian Church » Almonte United Church » Holy Name of Mary R Catholic Church  
» James Naismith Statue (for Hillside Reformed Presbyterian Church) » Old Town Hall (for Cornerstone Community Church)  
» St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The walk will conclude at St. Paul's (62 Clyde St.) by approximately 1:30 p.m., where all are invited to enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity for reflection and fellowship.

Please note two important additional details:

- St. Paul's will offer a re-enactment of the final hours of Jesus' life with story and song and visual reflections, at 10:30 a.m. on Good Friday. This presentation is similar to the ecumenical walk and may be of interest to our members who have mobility challenges. All are welcome.
- In the event of extremely poor weather conditions, the walk will move indoors to St. Paul's. We will follow the script and re-enact Jesus' journey by processing around the interior of the church and stopping to present each section of the story.

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

**Palm Sunday**, March 29th at 10:30: We recall the events of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while the crowd shouts 'Hosanna'!

**Good Friday**, April 3rd at 10:30 am: We remember the somber events of Jesus' hardships and death on a cross.

**Good Friday, April 3rd: The Annual Walk of the Cross** at 12 Noon from Almonte Baptist Church ending at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 1:30 with refreshments.

Please see other announcement with more details.

**Easter Sunday**: April 5th at 10:30: Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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**Rev. Heather will be away From March 12 to 24<sup>th</sup>. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call her and she will refer you to someone who can assist you.**

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# WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm**

### Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

### Monday, March 23

5:30 Taekwon Do

### Tuesday, March 24

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

12:30 Rhythm and Song Choir

6:00 Almonte Embers

### Wednesday, March 25

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Meditation Class

5:30 Taekwon Do

### Thursday, March 26

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

6:30 Rhythm and Song Choir

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

### Friday, March 27

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

### Saturday, March 28

9:00 Meditation Workshop

### Sunday, March 29

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



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<b>Counter this month:</b>	<b>Nick Frans &amp; Evelyn Ironside</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Leon &amp; Nancy Page</b>
<b>Greeter next week:</b>	<b>Karen Pritchard &amp; Evelyn Ironside</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Mary Sproule</b>
<b>Reader next week:</b>	<b>Jill Moxley</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Margie Graff</b>
<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Bob Lesser &amp; Laurie Blackstock John Day</b>

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

