

Almonte United Church

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Sunday, March 20, 2025 10:30 am Castor 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.



The Musical Prelude

Welcome and The Announcements

The Call to Worship: (together) This is Easter! The Day of Victory! The Day of Hope! The Day of New Beginnings! The Day of Christ! This is Easter! Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

Hymn: 121 (mv) "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!"

The Gathering Prayer: (together) Great Easter God, we are grateful that Christ is risen among us. During our sacred time together, we pray that you might open our eyes and our hearts to the wonderful news of this Easter Day. Help us to know your holy presence among us now; for we pray in the name of our Risen Christ. Amen.

The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir Anthem: "I Will Rise"

The Easter Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12. (page 860) "The women visit Jesus's tomb early in the morning where they discover that it is empty."

Meditation

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

The Communion Hymn: 463 (vu) "Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness"

An Easter Litany of Affirmation and Hope:

- One: With the stone rolled away, came emptiness:
- All: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, Of the space that once was filled with death, Of the cross that now pointed to the greater Truth of God's Love.
- One: With the stone rolled away, came questions:
- All: From those whose world was shattered, From those who would demand visible proof, From those who needed signs of promise in order to build confidence, assurance and faith.

One: With the stone rolled away came light:

All: To illuminate the darkness of suspicion and fear, To dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety and disappointment, To shine forth beams of new hope, new understanding and new faith.

One: With the stone rolled away comes both our present and our future:

All: For an eternal truth that outshines the wisdom of the ages,

For a place to be filled with the coming of God's realm, and

For the company of all those throughout history who proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Amen!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Closing Hymn: 164 (vu) "The Day of Resurrection"

The Commissioning (in unison) "On this Easter Day, let us go forth to live resurrection: In the name of the God who makes us, In the name of the Christ who makes us free, In the name of the Spirit who makes us one. Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen!"

Singing of O Canada

Musical Postlude



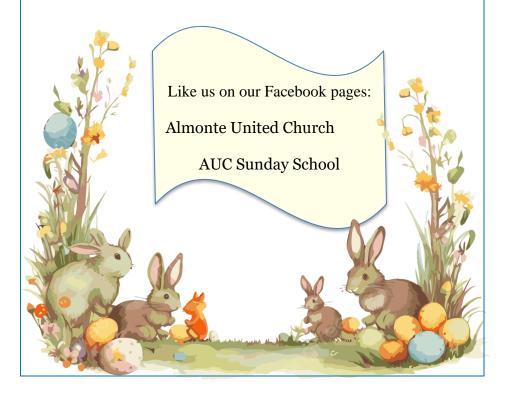
CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada:

June is going to be a very special month celebrating this milestone event.

EOORC Event: On **June 15th at 11:00 am at the EY Centre** in Ottawa (near the Airport), our Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region is hosting a centennial worship service and barbecue luncheon for all congregations in the region.

Lanark Bus: The Lanark congregation is renting a bus and have invited us to join them. Although it's still very early, we need to give them an idea of how many from AUC might join them on the bus. Some people may want to drive; parking is free. For those wishing to ride on the bus, please speak to Rev. Heather or call the Church Office. Live Stream Service at AUC: Plans are being made to live stream this service for those who might prefer to stay home.



WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2 Tuesday from 10 to 2 Thursday from 10 to 2

<u>Monday to Friday</u> 9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

> <u>Monday, April 21</u> 1:15 Lindsey Lambden Yoga 5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout 12:00 Rhythm & Song Choir 6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 23

1:00 Carebridge Pilates 5:30 Taekwon Do 7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, April 24

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout 6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

<u>Friday April 25</u> 9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga **7:00 AUC Movie Night**

Saturday, April 26 1:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, April 27

10:30 Sunday Worship Sunday School Youth Group 7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga