

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local researchers and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that the research is conducted in a way that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals.

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Sunday August 9, 2026 10:30 am

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 625 "I Feel the Winds of God Today"

Call to Worship

One: We come this morning still holding onto the week; the deadlines, the doom-scrolling, the undone list.

All: We set it down, to be present for this hour.

One: Let our shoulders drop, our breath slow, our defenses rest.

All: Open us, God, to your presence in our midst.

One: We come with a little faith, unsure and unsteady.

All: And yet, we suspect that a little faith is enough.

One: Christ joins us here, even now.

All: Let us worship God, present among us.

Gathering Prayer (unison)

God, you are here before we speak a word. Help us come into your presence.

Let the Word we hear, the prayers we pray, the hymns we sing, and the silences we keep remind us of your presence.

Ground us in this hour, that it might be sacred. Meet us with whatever faith brought us here and be enough to carry us through. Amen.

Learning the Faith: Hold On

Hymn: MV 145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

The Summer Choir

Mission Moment

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: Have a Little Faith in Me (Sermon title borrows from John Hiatt's "Have a Little Faith in Me" (1987))

Hymn: MV 138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

Offering

Offering Song: MV 191 "What Can I Do?" (2x's)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 424 "May the God of Hope"

Commissioning

One: Go now with the faith you carry; however little, however unsteady.

All: It is enough.

One: This hour has grounded us; the world awaits us, ready or not.

All: We go, steadier than when we came.

One: Carry God's love into ordinary places into kitchens, into workplaces, into waiting rooms.

All: We go to share the love and acceptance that we have received.

One: Be the hands that reach out, be the heart that welcomes.

All: We go as the hands and heart of Christ.

Benediction

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**Reverend Heather will be away from
August 10th until the 30th inclusively,
returning to the office on August 31st.**

**In case of a pastoral emergency
please contact Rev. Heather Kinkaid at
613-619-5966 or grovesprings@sympatico.ca**

Thinking About Joining Our Church Family?

Have you found a home here at Almonte United?

We'd love to make it official!

On **September 20**, we'll be welcoming new members into our community. Becoming a member isn't about signing on to a strict list of rules or reciting an exact creed. It's simply about saying "yes" to a shared faith in God, committing to walk together in Christian service, and joining a community that's open, inclusive, and glad to have you exactly as you are. If you've been wondering whether this might be for you, let's talk about it! Call/text/email or drop by the office.
~ Heather



**A special thank you to David Fewtrell
for playing the piano in Neil's
absence today.**

Grief & Bereavement Support Group

Home Hospice North Lanark is offering a new 7-week Grief and Bereavement Support Group for individuals who are coping with the loss of a loved one.

This supportive group provides a safe, compassionate, and confidential space where participants can share their experiences, learn healthy coping strategies, and connect with others who understand.

- **Dates:** Tuesdays, August 18 – September 29, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Home Hospice North Lanark
- **Unit #2, 500 Ottawa Street, Almonte**
- **Accessible building with plenty of parking available**

Participation is limited to 10 people. Registration is required. Call 613-406-7020 for more details or to register.



Greeters Needed- We're looking for a few more people to join the Greeter Schedule. It's an easy yet important job. Duties including greeting folks at the door as they arrive and then passing the offering plate. Please let Rev. Davies know if this is something you can help with.

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, August 10

8:30 Drama Summer Camp

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 Drama Summer Camp

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 Drama Summer Camp

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, August 13

8:30 Drama Summer Camp

6:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

Friday, August 14

8:30 Drama Summer Camp

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga





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Minister:	Rev. Heather Davies
Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Guest Pianist:	David Fewtrell
Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
Counter this month:	Ron Williamson & David Fewtrell
Greeter:	Julie Julian
Greeter next week:	Tbd
Reader:	Beth Robertson
Reader next week:	John Peters
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock John Day



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

