

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 informants 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 their research does not cause harm or exploitation. The paper concludes by noting that while cross-cultural research presents many challenges, it is also a valuable way to gain a deeper understanding of the world and to promote cultural understanding and respect.

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Sunday, April 6, 2025 10:30 am

*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

Opening Chorus: We Welcome You (sung twice)

*We welcome you with songs of gladness,
Welcome Christians welcome,
Let laughter take away your sadness,
Welcome Christians welcome,
Welcome, welcome!*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

ONE: I know you are out there!

ALL: And we do too!

ONE: I can feel you splashing in the lake, so near!

ALL: We can feel you flowing through the trees, right here!

ONE: Shining in the campfire, twinkling in the stars!

ALL: In our songs, in our friendships, ever near, never far!

ONE: Come, let us search together and discover!

ALL: Let us worship together and uncover our God!

Hymn: This Is the Day (VU - #412)

Prayer of Approach

Choir Anthem

***Camp Counsellor's Creed* by Joe Richard's; adapted by Jack Lockhart**

Song: Fire's Burning

Fire's burning, fire's burning
Draw nearer, draw nearer,
In the glowing, in the glowing
Come sing and be merry.

Poem: *A Shining* by Jim Taylor

Story: Building bridges (animated by our Youth Group Players!)

A Conversation with Jack... What do you think building bridges means and how do we do it?

Song: I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.
I'd like to see the world for once, all standing hand in hand.
And hear them echo through the world for peace throughout the land.

That's the song I hear.
Let the world sing today a song of peace that echoes on and never goes away.

I'd like to see the world for once, all standing hand in hand.
And hear them echo through the world for peace throughout the land.

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

An Invitation to Create

PATCH WORK PEACE... Creation Stations in the Social Hall

Closing Hymn: It Only Takes a Spark

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found.
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Blessing

Singing of “ O Canada “



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Upcoming Dates of Note in April

Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm: The Study Group meets in the Parlour.

Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 am.

Friday, April 18th at 10:30 am. Good Friday Service at AUC.
At 12 Noon: The Ecumenical “Walk of The Cross” through the streets of Almonte. More information to follow.

Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 am: The Celebration of Easter and the Sacrament of Holy. Communion

Friday April 25th at 7:00pm: Movie Night, “ Julie & Julia”.
Popcorn and gourmet hot dogs for \$1.

Sunday, April 27th at 10:30: Celebration of Earth Day and celebration of the April birthdays.

CAMP LAU-REN

For those wanting to make a donation to Camp Lau-Ren, envelopes can be obtained at the front of the church.

Camp Lau-Ren provides a Christian experience in an outdoor setting. They are located on the Ottawa River, 10 kilometers west of Deep River and are fully accredited by the United Church of Canada and the Ontario Camps Association. Children enjoy canoeing, paddle boarding, archery, swimming, life study, crafts, sports, campfires and so much more.

All children are welcome. Subsidies are available for children who need financial assistance to attend our camp. More information can be obtained by emailing their Executive Director, Steve McCulloch, at ExecutiveDirector@camplau-ren.rocks

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.

Live Stream Service at AUC: Plans are being made to live stream this service for those who might prefer to stay home.

More centennial details to follow in the bulletin.



Financial Donations by E-transfer:

During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address

is office@almontheunited.com and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2

Tuesday from 10 to 2

Thursday from 10 to 2

Monday to Friday

9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, April 7

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Auld Kirk meeting

Tuesday, April 8

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

1:00 Study Group

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 9

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, April 10

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

11:15 Retired Women Teachers Organization Luncheon

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday April 11

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, April 12

1:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, April 13

10:30 Sunday Worship – **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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

