

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 the research is conducted in a way that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals.

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Sunday October 4, 2026 10:30 am

World Wide Communion – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to remind us that God is with us. The light of Christ burns in the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Announcements

Opening Hymn: MV 145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Call to Worship

One: We come in from our week, from our homes and our work,

All: and the table is set for us.

One: Around the world today, people are gathering in churches large and small,

All: and the table is set for them.

One: Long ago, God led a people out of slavery and taught them how to live together,

All: and a table was set in the wilderness.

One: Here we are, with bread and cup before us,

All: one table, one people, all fed.

One: Come, let us worship God together.

All: Let us come to the table.

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Holy and gracious God,

we gather at this table with your people around the world.

**We come from different places and speak different
languages, yet we share one bread and one cup.**

**We gather to hear again how you set your people free and
showed them how to live together.**

We gather hungry, and you feed us.

Bless this gathering and this meal, and make us one.

Amen.

Children's Hymn: MV 194 "Bread of Life"

Learning the Faith: Table Manners

Anthem

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Commandments and Communion

Hymn : 467 "One Bread One Body"

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, God of all creation....

So with your people in every place and every time, we join the song:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: On the night before he died,...

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Great Amen.

One: and all the people say Amen.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: 468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ "

Commissioning

One: We have been fed at this table, with God's people all around the world.

All: Now we go out to share what we have been given.

One: God set a people free and showed them how to live together.

All: We go out to live that way too, making room for everyone.

One: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit go with us,

All: today and always. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Journeying with the Mystics

First Tuesday of each month, beginning October 6
6:45 – 8:30 p.m., Church Parlour

We live in unsettled times. Old certainties are thinning, and many of us carry a quiet hunger for meaning, for courage, and for a real sense of the Sacred in our lives.

The Mystics have been here before. Through plague, war, exile, and deep unknowing, they learned to listen beneath the noise and found the Holy in creation, in silence, in the human soul, and in the struggle for justice.

Join us once a month as we watch a session together from Convergence, led by Matthew Fox and Cameron Trimble, and share conversation afterward. All are welcome.

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com

EXPLORING TOGETHER

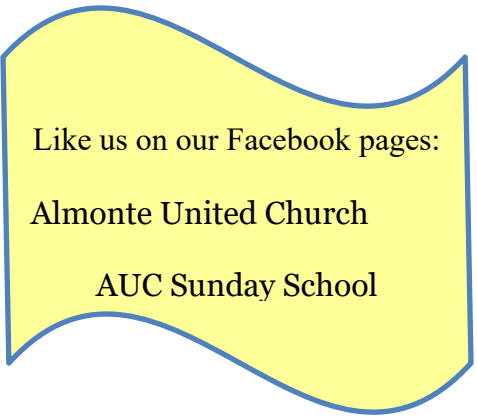
Wednesdays at 10 a.m., beginning October 21,
in the Church Parlour

Maybe you've been part of another church and are wondering what the United Church is all about. Maybe you've never belonged to a church at all. Or maybe you're just curious.

Whatever brings you, you're welcome to join us for four relaxed conversations over coffee:

- The Bible
- Church History
- The Story of the United Church
- What We Believe (Faith Statements)

Come to one session or all four. There's no pressure and no commitment. For those who'd like to become members of Almonte United Church, this is a good place to start, but it's just as good a place to simply ask questions and explore.



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Almonte United Church

AUC Sunday School

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, October 5

5:30 Taekwon Do

9:00 Walking Group

9:00 Marvelous Monday Meals

Tuesday, October 6

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

6:00 Almonte Embers

6:45 Spirituality Group

Wednesday, October 7

11:00 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio

5:30 Lindsay Lambden Yoga

Friday, October 9

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

6:00 Beth Anne Wellness

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

10:30 Sunday Worship - **Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



