

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 involved.

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Sunday, May 25, 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.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and The Announcements

The Call to Worship:

One: These are the commandments of love:

All: To serve each other;

One: To be compassionate;

All: To live in communion with one another;

One: Not to judge or condemn...but to forgive;

All: To love enemies;

One: To live the Beatitudes;

All: To wash each other's feet.

One: The commandment of Jesus is that we love one another as he loved us.

All: This is the WAY of Jesus; the WAY of God!

(from Jean Vanier's: "Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus," page 262)

Hymn: 373 (vu) "As Comes the Breath of Spring"

The Gathering Prayer: (in unison)

Gracious God, we gather here this day to hear your eternal Word speaking anew to us in all the things we do together: singing and praying, listening and giving, laughing and sharing. We pray that you might pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, each one, so we might feel your Holy Presence filling us with love, guidance and hope, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir Anthem

A Mission Story

The Gospel Lesson: John 14: 23-27. (page 877) "Jesus continues his farewell discourse with the promise of the "Paraclete" translated here as 'Advocate' and 'Holy Spirit'.

Meditation

Hymn: 378. "Spirit of God"

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 Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 686 (vu) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Commissioning and Benediction

Singing of "O Canada"

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



🌿 Thank You - 3rd Annual Plant Sale! 🌿

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 3rd Annual Plant Sale! Whether you started plants from seed, shared plants from your gardens, donated arrangements, houseplants, or decorative/garden items - Thank

You! To all who helped put-up posters, had conversations with family, friends, and neighbours, or helped with set up, take down and everything in-between - Thank

You! Everyone's generosity, creativity, and support made it all possible.

With everyone's efforts, we raised **\$1,609** this year! 🌸 🌱

Any remaining plants will be lovingly planted in our flower beds or added to our raised vegetable gardens, continuing to grow and brighten our community spaces.

We're already looking ahead. The **4th Annual Plant Sale** is scheduled for **May 16th, 2026!** It's never too early to start thinking about what you might want to grow or contribute next spring. If you'd like to help plan next year's event or lend a hand during the sale, we'd love to hear from you. Many hands make light—and joyful—work!

With appreciation,

🌸 *The Plant Sale Team*

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com



THE JUNE CALENDAR AT AUC

It's a very busy month at the church with an assortment of special events:

Sunday, June 1st at 10:30 am:

The 191st Anniversary of AUC with Guest Speaker, Rev. Arlyce

Schiebout; Special Music with our AUC Choir and trumpet. A Pot-Lunch will follow; please label your contribution and also bring your own dishes, cutlery, etc. This promises to be a very special service; bring your friends.

Sunday, June 8th at 10:30 am:

It's Pentecost Sunday and the Service is being led by our wonderful Sunday School/Youth Group Students and Staff. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served. Following SS tradition, this promises to be a really special service; plan to attend.

Sunday, June 15th:

We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada; further details to come!

Sunday, June 22nd at 10:30 am:

Confirmation Sunday with four of our dedicated youth joining our AUC. Plan to support our young people in their decision of faith!

Sunday, June 29th at 10:30: Celebration of Canada Day





Centennial Celebrations Across Canada

Sunday, June 8th from
5:30 to 7:30 pm. (EDT): A
National Centennial
Service will be Live
Streamed via YouTube
from Newfoundland.

Sunday, June 8th: Our Regional Centennial Service (EOORC) is at the EY Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive in south Ottawa.

9:30 am: Doors Open

10:15: Choir Practice

10:45: Gathering Music

11:00: Worship

12:30: Picnic Lunch (bring your own) and 'Looking Back and Forward' with music and games.

For more info, please go to:

eoorc.anniversaryinformation@gmail.com

Plans to Livestream this service at AUC are underway; more details to come

“Thank You for The Music “

Take a break from the world and join the Valley Voices Choir for an evening of music and fun. Valley Voices, Almonte's Community Choir, is holding a concert at the Almonte United Church on **Sunday, June 8th at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Baker Bob's and at the door. It's sure to be an entertaining evening.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

9:00 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, May 26

5:30 Taekwon Do

10:00 Carebridge Pilates

7:00 Worship committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 27

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, May 28

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, May 29

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

2:00 Seated Qi Gong

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday May 30

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

7:00 Sound Healing

Saturday, May 31

8:00 Nursery School Yard Sale

Sunday, June 1

10:30 Sunday Worship

AUC's 191 st ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & Pot Luck

Sunday School

Youth Group

3:00 Seated Qi Gong

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

