



ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday School Celebration Service “Caring for Creation”

Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:30 am

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have lived on and cared for this land. We seek to rebuild right relations with the Algonquin Anishinaabe, to learn from them, and to live on their land with respect and gratitude.

Piano Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Morning has broken!

Many: **We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**

One: God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

Many: **Let us honour those relationships today and every day.**

One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world and for God’s good Creation.

Many: **Let us honour those relationships today and every day.**

One: May we commit to new ways of honouring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus’ transforming love,

Many: **And let us seek God’s grace, justice and mercy for all.**

All: **Amen.**

Hymn #: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Opening Prayer (said together)

As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation, God:
for light and darkness;
for air, wind, and sky;
for earth and sea;
for seeds, harvests, and plant life;
for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;
for every living creature, swarming, flying, creeping, and
grazing;
for our lives.

In our actions, meditations, and prayers,
may we honour and celebrate your very good Creation,
as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and love in
good and healing ways.

Amen.

(—Written by Alydia Smith. From [Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis](#))

Moment for Mission

Poem: Oh, Earth

Senior Choir: You've Got a Friend

Offering

Offering Song

Welcome to Church the Sunday School Way!

STATIONS:

We invite our church family to join us at the worship stations that we have prepared for today. You may start wherever you like but we suggest that you spread out to begin with.

Locations are listed beside the activities. You can stay as long

as you like and move on to another activity whenever the spirit moves you!

We are just learning to be worship leaders, so we thank you for being patient and helping us along as we guide you through the following experiences:

Our Amazing Earth Trivia Game - outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

How much do YOU know about this amazing gift from God? Find out with our trivia game!

Nature's Tasting Station- outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

Try some of our delicious home-made lemonade with your choice of nature's finest garnishes. You might be surprised by what you can eat directly from nature. And back by popular demand... dandelion cookies!

Meditation Station- sanctuary

Join us in the sanctuary for a time to listen to nature's music, reflect on words of caring and use nature's gifts to take time to appreciate, reflect, and look forward. Sit with our newly installed prayer flags and take time to just be.

Leave a Thumbprint, Not a Footprint Art Station- outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

Add your unique mark to our collective art project as well as creating your own bookmark to remind us all to do what we can to decrease our impact on the planet.

Prayer Station - try out three new, exciting ways of praying ... the leaf prayer, floating prayers, and opposite prayers

Water Ways Challenge- outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

Can you work as a team to get the water to its destination without wasting a drop? Come find out in this one-of-a-kind water relay. Also, if you are really brave, try carrying a water container on your

head like the women of Sub-Sahara Africa do. How many steps can you take for this precious resource and gift?

Seeds of Change Workshop - outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

Did you know that you can grow plants from your weekly groceries? Our expert gardeners sure do and they are ready to get you started!

Building a Better World - outside on the lawn (if raining, in the Social Hall)

Come have a play with our youngest Sunday Schoolers as you create God's beautiful world in miniature. Everything you need is ready for you to start building a better world.

(*If you don't make it to all of the stations, we will be leaving them set up for about 15 minutes after church so you can still check them out!)

(At the ringing of the church bells, please gather on the church lawn for the closing of our worship time together. If raining, we will gather in the Social Hall)

Prayer for Our Planet

Closing Hymn: MV # 92 Like a Rock (sung twice with actions)

Blessing

The Sunday School Kids and Teachers would like to thank everyone for their support and love, not only today, but throughout the year. We love being a part of our church family!

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 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, June 3

10:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

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5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, June 4

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

Wednesday, June 5

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, June 6

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday, June 7

AUC Movie Night doors open @5:30 pm

Saturday, June 8

Bridal Shower

Sunday, June 9

10:30 Sunday Worship: **Anniversary Service & Potluck**

Sunday School

Youth Group

Valley Voices Concert



Do you miss seeing some people at Church? If so, phone or email them and ask them to meet you at Church and to join us for coffee after Worship.

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

