

Almonte United Church

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Sunday, May 19, 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.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer:

God of Love, we see terror and conflict, destruction and death; there is no end in sight.

You know what we seek, Loving God: peace and justice for our world.

You call us to support the peace bringers with words of encouragement.

You call us to name the evil-doers and clearly show their intent.

You call us to protect the vulnerable and be their friends.

You call us to confront the powerful and support the persecuted.

Your words tell us to "protect the environment of planet Earth," and this rings true for us.

Your words tell us "enough food for every child," and we will help it happen.

Terror and conflict, injustice and despair are alien to you, Loving God.

We are with you, and it will not just be words. We will act

to bring change, change that is so desperately needed. Amen.

*Hymn: MV#23 "Come O Holy Spirit"

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Story

Choir Anthem: "Spirit's Comin' "

Mission and Service Story

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-13 The coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon

*Hymn: VU#356 "Seek Ye First"

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

In a world cold and dark Spirit's Flame glows; Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness to perceive her and receive her. Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate! Divine Mystery,

Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.; We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of Spirit.

Your love blows through all creation and makes it one; We praise you, Divine Lover, for the gift of Spirit.

Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence,

and your heartbeat lives within every living thing; We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit. But we have failed to value the life of other people, other creatures, and the world You have given to be our home.

Forgive us, Divine Life.

We have failed to recognize the connectedness of all things, and have brought pain through division and exclusion. Forgive us, Divine Lover.

For Christ's sake we ask you to breathe new life into us, wash us clean, and ignite the fire of love in our hearts again. Amen.

All: Let us invite the Divine Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer. We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others and especially in you.

May Spirit renew and inspire them again.

We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

May Spirit encourage and challenge them again.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.

We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all.

We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out

on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God. And so, as we gather at this table,

we recognize Spirit's Presence among us,

and we open our hearts to Spirit's influence.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion,

gathered his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

All: This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he passed it among them with these words:

All: This is my blood which is shed for you.

Take, drink and remember me.

So now, we eat and we drink, and we remember Jesus and the Divine Love he showed us. Amen.

*Hymn: MV#194 "Bread of Life"

Blessing

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The last monthly Community Friendship Luncheons is **this Tuesday, May 21st.** This is the last luncheon until we resume on the 3rd Tuesday in October. There will be No lunches in June, July, August or September.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2 Tuesday from 10 to 2 Thursday from 10 to 2

<u>Monday to Friday</u> 9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

> <u>Monday, May 20</u> 3:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga

<u>Tuesday, May 21</u> 12:00 noon AUC Community Luncheon 6:00 Almonte Embers

> Wednesday, May 22 5:30 Taekwon Do 7:00 Choir Practice

<u>Thursday, May 23</u> 10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout 1:00 Carebridge Pilates 6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

> <u>Friday, May 24</u> 9:00 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

<u>Saturday, May 25</u> 8:00 am Nursery School Garage Sale

Sunday, May 26

10:30 Sunday Worship Sunday School Youth Group 7:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga



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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Minister: Choir Director: Custodian: Office: Counter this month:

Greeter: Greeter next week: Reader: Reader next week: Sunday School: Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek Neil Milnes Kim Julian Virginia Atkinson Nick Frans & Evelyn Ironside John & Dorothy Day Brian & Dawn Morrison Nick Frans Amanda Pulker- Mok Margie Graff

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