

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 diverse cultural 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 researchers 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, December 15, 2024 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.*

Advent III - Children's Service "Las Posadas" - The Inn

Musical Prelude:

Jamie Pulker-Mok - "Jingle Bells", "Deck the Halls" Medley

Graham Badger - "Away in a Manger"

Emmett Badger - "Joy to the World"

Welcome and the Announcements

Call to Worship: Find Joy Here... Psalm 149

ONE: Let's say it together:

ALL: Praise to the Lord!

ONE: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing his praise in the company of friends.

ONE: Find joy here, celebrating the one who made us. Find joy here, praising God!

ONE: Praise with your body, move and dance.

Praise with your voice, your drums and guitars.

ONE: Find a place here,
for God is delighted with you.

ONE: Be you broken or lost, be you fragile or sad,

ONE: God delights in you.

Glory grows as we praise God and God lifts up our heads.

ALL: Praise the Lord with joy!

Hymn 232 (VU) “Joyful, Joyful”

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy

Advent Hymn: Hope is a Star

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on ‘til the morning is bright.

Refrain:

When God is a child, there’s joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain:

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Refrain:

Our Recipe for Joy - youngest Sunday Schoolers, narrated by Graham Badger

What is Joy? - A Mini Reflection - Dot & Jack Lockhart

Light and Darkness Prayer: - Ellie (written by Henri J.M.
Nouwen)

Hymn: #2 (VU) “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Liturgical Playtime - Las Posadas (The Inns)

Welcome to the “play time” of our service today. When you hear the knock on the door, please read the “Family” lines below

(printed in bold) and act out your “mystery Christmas activity” that you will find posted in your pew:

Travellers: “Will you give lodging to these weary pilgrims?”

The Family: “Can’t you see we’re busy? There is no room for you here!”

Travellers: “What are you doing?”

The Family: “Can’t you see?”

(Family acts out the “mystery Christmas activity” from their pew for the kids to guess what you are doing)

All: No room! No room! Move along! Move along!

Anthem: Hey! Hey! Anybody Listening? - Sunday School Singers (guitar: Jack Lockhart, Andrew Badger, Margie Graff)

The Offering

Offertory: Ellie Badger - “O Holy Night”

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.” (2X)

Prayers of the People - Emmett

Closing Hymn: #59 (VU) Joy to the World

Benediction - Dot Lockhart

Extroit: Feliz Navidad - sung by all!

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad!

Feliz Navidad, prospero ano y felicidad. (2x)

I wanna' wish you a Merry Christmas! I wanna' wish you a Merry Christmas! I wanna' wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart! (2x)

The Sunday School and Youth Group would like to thank...

-Neil, Andrew, Jack, and the Senior Choir for sharing their musical talents

-our pulpit and furniture movers.

-Rev. Heather and the Worship Committee for their support and guidance

-Virginia for preparing all the extras in our bulletin for today

-our families for helping us learn lines and even standing in for us

-our church family

for bringing in pyjamas for Interval House, helping us tell the story of Las Posadas, and always smiling - no matter what we do!



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.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

A letter of Gratitude from Lanark County Interval House

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for the Almonte United Church for the 16 gift baskets donated. Your kindness enables us to offer safety, empowerment, and healing to those who need it most. This year has posed significant challenges for many, and we understand that the difficulties faced by those seeking refuge can feel even more overwhelming in the current economic climate. Together, we can generate a wave of love and support that extends well beyond the confines of our shelter. Your contributions allows us to serve as a beacon of hope and a safe haven for those in need. We stand united in our mission to create a meaningful impact in the lives of women and children who depend on our services. We sincerely appreciate your partnership in making a significant difference and promoting a safer, more inclusive society for everyone. Together, we can drive lasting change.
Happy Holidays

Cathie McOrmond

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support
Resource Development

***** NOTE: The Office will close December 23rd and will reopen January 6th at 10:00am**



The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon is at noon this **Tuesday December 17, 2024**, in the social hall of Almonte United Church. Workers from several churches, as well as community individuals come together to provide a

light and tasty lunch of soup, sandwiches and delicious homemade desserts for \$10/person.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 - 2

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Thursday from 10-2 3

Monday, December 16

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, December 17

12:00 Almonte Community Luncheon

Wednesday, December 18

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, December 19

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday December 20

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, December 21

8:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, December 22

10:30 Sunday Worship :

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

