

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 their research does not cause harm to the communities they are studying.

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Sunday, May 4th, 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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Sing praise to God

All: Give thanks to God who watches over us.

L: Weeping may linger, for a night, for a year, but joy will return

**All: O God you have turned our weeping into dancing.
You remove the clothes of mourning. You drape
gladness over us. Therefore, we will not be silent. We
will give thanks to you forever.**

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, VU 326

Gathering Prayer

**All: Risen Lord, you are the source of life, of love, of
inspiration. Gather us together in your presence. Form
us into a holy community of your people. Mold us by
the breath of your Spirit. Fill us with the new life of
resurrection. Inspire us here so that we may carry your
presence into a suffering world. Amen.**

The Children's Time: Like a Rock MV 92

The Choir Anthem: "The Prayer "

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 21: 1-14

Meditation

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us VU562

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 Lord's prayer

Closing Hymn: Go Make a Difference MV 209

Commissioning and Benediction

Singing of O Canada

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

For the following dates ONLY: May 1st until May 8th inclusive, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Reverend John Peters at 613-601-2148. Reverend Heather will be unavailable.

HELP WANTED

Our Third Annual Plant Sale is happening on May 17th. We need your help with plants, distributing posters, setting up and cleaning up and at the sale. If you have an hour or several hours to share with us it will be greatly appreciated. The posters and the volunteer sign-up sheet are on the table across from the Office. We will be starting the set up at 1 pm on May 16th and will be accepting plants starting at 1pm until 6 pm. Please be sure your plants, bulbs, tubers etc. are in pots and well labeled.

We will need volunteers from 8 am, on May 17th. We need your assistance; we cannot do it alone! We look forward to you joining us.



- Your Plant Sale Team

The 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada:

June is going to be a very special month celebrating this milestone event.

EOORC Event: On **June 15th at 11:00 am at the EY Centre** in Ottawa (near the Airport), our Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region is hosting a centennial worship service and barbecue luncheon for all congregations in the region.

Lanark Bus: The Lanark congregation is renting a bus and have invited us to join them. Although it's still very early, we need to give them an idea of how many from AUC might join them on the bus. Some people may want to drive; parking is free. **For those wishing to ride on the bus, please speak to Rev. Heather or call the Church Office.** Live Stream Service at AUC: Plans are being made to live stream this service for those who might prefer to stay home



Greeters Needed- We're looking for a few more people to join the Greeter Schedule. It's an easy yet important job. Duties including greeting folks at the door as they arrive and then passing the offering plate. Please let Rev. Mary know if this is

something you can help with once a month.

Check out our Website at
www.almonteunited.com

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 5

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Worship committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, May 7

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, May 8

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

2:00 Seated Qi Gong

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday May 9

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

7:00 Sound Healing

Saturday, May 10

8:00 Erin Carmichael Yoga

Sunday, May 11

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

3:00 Qi Gong

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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Minister:	Rev. Cathy Hird
Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
Counter this month:	Nick Frans & Evelyn Ironside
Greeter:	Ron & Leslie Williamson
Greeter next week:	Ron & Mary MacMeekin
Reader:	David Fewtrell
Reader next week:	Nick Frans
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock

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