



ALMONTE UNITED CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 10:30 AM

Musical Prelude

Land Acknowledgement:

We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Call to Worship: Gathering, ACE, Year A, page 43, Richard Bott, used with permission

What does it mean to be salt and light to the world?

Salt preserves.

Light keeps things from being hidden.

What does it mean to be salt and light to the world?

To hold onto what is good.

To hold on to what is right.

To hold on to what is just.

To shine in the back rooms of oppression.

To shine in the prisons of fear.

To shine in places that have no hope.

This is salt and light to the world.

This is Christ's people—

Salt and light—

Hope and wonder—

In and with the world!

As salt and light,

As hope and wonder, let us worship God!

Alleluia!

Welcome and The Announcements

Hymn: (VU 509) “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

The Gathering Prayer:

Creator God, Spirit of Love and Justice, we gather, grateful for your presence in all things and all people.

Thank you, for calling us not to complacency, but to a life that makes a difference—a life that is salt and light.

Make us salt that brings out the flavours of grace and kindness, that preserves the dignity of all people, and that creates a thirst for justice in a thirsty world.

Make us a city on a hill—viable, inclusive and radiant with hope. Do not let us hide our light under a bushel, but help us shine openly, embracing those on the margins and reflecting your unconditional love.

We ask for the courage to live out a righteousness that goes deeper than tradition—a righteousness rooted in love.

Equip us to be agents of healing and change in our neighbourhoods, turning our despair into hope and shadows into light.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who calls us to be the light of the world.

Amen

The Children’s Time

Choir Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Readings: Matthew 5: 13-20

Meditation

Hymn: (VU 82) “A Light is Gleaming”

Offertory Invitation:

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 Gathering 2025/26, ACE. Pg. 46,

Susan Girard, adapted N W Feb. 8, 2025

Holy Creator, we give you ourselves and the gifts of our hands.

Use us to spread the light of your kingdom of love and compassion.

Use us to further your kingdom of justice.

Use us to bless and nurture your creation.

In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

The Pastoral Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: (VU 87) “I Am the Light of the World”

The Commissioning and Benediction

The Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PANCAKES!



Please join us on **Sunday, February 15th** after the service for a pancake lunch. A gluten free option will also be served.

Please bring your own plates and cutlery. Donations welcome.

Coldest Night of the Year



It's hard to believe that there are youth in our county who have been without a place to call home in these frigid temperatures... but our AUC Youth Group is determined to take steps to make a difference. **On February 28th**, Team AUC will be hitting the streets of Carleton Place to help raise money for Cornerstone Landing, an organization working to prevent, reduce and end youth homelessness in Lanark County.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate! Online** at -

<https://cnoy.org/search?q=TeamAUC>

This takes you directly to our team page and you can donate to our whole team or individual walkers. Let us know if you need help doing this and we will be glad to assist.

OR

We will have a donation box here in church over the next 3 weeks. Money will be collected and then we can do the online piece for you.

2. **Join Us!** We would love to have you join our team. Check out

the Coldest Night Lanark County page for all the route details:
<https://cnoy.org/location/lanarkcounty>

3. Cheer Us On and Learn More! We know you are great at this!

Thank you for helping us walk for others and put our faith into action.

Margie and the AUC Youth



Please Note

Please note that you may receive one or more donation receipts for 2025. Revenue Canada had allowed donors to use January & February 2025 for their 2024 tax deduction. ***If you did not request this for your 2024 taxes***, then the donation receipts for January & February 2025 will be included as a separate receipt in your donations for 2025. Please ensure you review the totals of one or more receipts to ensure totals match your total giving's! Thank you for your continued financial support of Almonte United Church! If you have any questions regarding this please reach out to; rwatson1051@gmail.com or 613-314-2966.

It will be announced in the bulletin when the tax receipts are ready.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, February 9

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, February 11

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Meditation Class

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, February 12

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

Friday, February 13

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

10:30 Sunday Worship: **Pancake Lunch**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



