

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 culturally diverse 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 informants 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, August 24, 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.

Musical Prelude

Land Acknowledgment (Together)

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship (Sung together, 570 VU)

“Jesus’ hands were kind hands,

Doing good to all,

Healing pain and sickness,

Blessing children small.

Washing tired feet,

And saving those who fall,

Jesus’ hands were kind hands,

Doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus,

Let them work for you,

Make them strong and gentle,

Kind in all I do;

Let me watch you, Jesus,

Till I’m gentle too,

Till my hands are kind hands,

Quick to work for you.”

Opening Hymn: 391 (VU) “God, Reveal Your Presence”

The Gathering Prayer: (In unison)

Great Creator of the changing seasons, we gather here seeking both comfort and challenge for the coming days. We pray that you might enfold us with your caring, compassionate arms in those places where we are hurting. And we ask that you might guide us in the difficult decisions that are ours to make in the future. May we feel and know your Holy Spirit among us now. Amen.

The Summer Choir

My United Church Story

The Gospel Lesson: page 871 John: 1-12 “Jesus heals a man who was born blind”

Meditation “I Am...”

Hymn: 371 (VU) “Open My Eyes”

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 The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 266 (VU) “Amazing Grace”

The Commissioning and Benediction

Singing of “O Canada”

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Sunday School Start Up Is Just Around the Corner!

It's almost time to welcome back our children and youth to another exciting year of Sunday School and Youth Group! Save these dates in your calendar so you don't miss a thing!

September 11: Youth Group Begins

-preparations for the annual Truth and Reconciliation Vigil begin and our sale in support of SchoolBOX, building Indigenous libraries and partnerships

September 14: Sunday School Begins for the 2025-2026 Year

-you are a part of God's Creation Quilt and we can hardly wait to see you! Join us at 10:30 for church and Sunday School then stay for our Welcome Sunday pot luck after the service

September 18: Youth Group

-preparations continue

September 21: Sunday School

-preparations for Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

September 25: Youth Group Sale, "Gifts from the Land" at Almonte Night Market

September 28: Sunday School - Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

-wear your orange shirts and prepare our annual art installation to mark this important day

- Youth Group "Gifts from the Land" sale after church in support of SchoolBOX... come learn about this fall's project in Washagamis Bay at the Kaa'Naa'M'atay Wiigiiam (Teaching Lodge School)

October 5 - World Wide Communion

-Sunday School Agape Meal

October 8 - Youth Group

-annual Turkey Trot challenge

-Food Bank planning session and photo shoot

October 12 - November 2: Food Drive for The Hunger Stop

Inendi; A Survivor's Story

Metis Elder Tony Belcourt will be holding a screening of the film, "Inendi" in the Sanctuary on September 28th at 2:00 pm. Inendi is a documentary film featuring matriarch Mary Belle, who is a survivor of the Spanish Residential School for Girls in the 1940's and 50's. This screening is presented by Reconciliation Through Art, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The doors open at 1:30 and the screening will start at 2pm. It's about 45 minutes long and will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Sarain Fox, and her family.

There will be other events that week such as a joyous musical performance at the Old Town Hall the following evening and on September 30th there will be an art show and teachings at the Textile Museum. For information and times please contact the organization at their website: Reconciliationthroughart.ca.

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@almonteunited.com and please include

your name and contact information in the message line.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

[Monday, May 12](#)

5:30 Taekwon Do

[Tuesday, May 13](#)

[Wednesday, May 14](#)

5:30 Taekwon Do

[Thursday, May 15](#)

[Friday May 16](#)

7:00 Sound Healing

[Saturday, May 17](#)

[Sunday, May 18](#)

10:30 Sunday Worship

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



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Minister:	Rev. Heather Kinkaid
Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Custodian:	Kim Julian
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Counter this month:	Nick Frans & Evelyn Ironside
Greeter:	Laurie Blackstock & Evelyn Ironside
Greeter next week:	John & Dorothy Day
Reader:	Ellie Badger
Reader next week:	Beth Robertson
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock John Day

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