

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 the research is conducted in a way that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals.

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Sunday, October 6, 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.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to Christ, the Living Bread who satisfies those who hunger for righteousness

All: Come to Christ who gives living Water so we may never thirst again

One: Come to Christ, with believers all over the world to share today in His holy feast

All: Come to God: Creator, Saviour, and Spirit in worship and in praise. Let us worship God.

Hymn: Psalm 100 VU pg. 822:” All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Gathering Prayer

We praise you O God, for the unity of the Holy Spirit who binds us together as brothers and sisters in Christ. During this time of worship and worldwide sacrament, may the awesome moments of Holy Communion strengthen our commitment to Christ and his way; and may we go out into our everyday world to live the gracious kind of love manifested to us in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Children's Time with Gus and Gloria

Choir Anthem: "The Welcome Table"

Mission and Service Story

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 15-24 (pg. 849) "Jesus tells the parable of the great banquet"

Meditation: "The Great Worldwide Banquet"

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

Hymn: 460 VU "All who Hunger"

Celebration of World Communion

God is with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Today, around the world communities gather to share a common meal together. This morning, we take our seat at that global table. We sit with our siblings speaking different languages, eating different foods and bringing different understandings of God and the teachings of Jesus.

Just as we are welcomed to this table without qualification and are invited to fill our plates, so we are challenged to offer this invitation to others. We are challenged to welcome others to the table, those who look different, sound different and have different understandings of God than us.

At this table the barriers that separate us are set aside and for a common moment we experience the world Jesus taught about and called the Kingdom of God. We create a place where enough food is for all people. Where are all welcomed just as they are. And a place where love and peace are overflowing.

And now would you join me saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he was taken to his death,
Jesus gathered with his followers,
he took bread, gave thanks to you,
God of all creation,
and offered it to those gathered at the table saying,
Take this and eat.

**This is my body, given for you. Each time you eat it,
remember me.**

After the meal was over,
he took a cup of wine, and gave thanks to you, O God
He offered it to those gathered at the table saying,
Take this and drink.

**This is my promise, in my life's blood,
given for you.**

Each time you drink it, remember me.

So we eat, we drink, and we remember:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present,
in these gifts, and in us,
so they – and we – can be Christ's gifts to the world.
Sharing the Breads of the world and the fruit of the vine.

Hymn: 606 VU "In Christ There is no East or West"

Benediction

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Thank you to all for supporting our Awesome Autumn Market. Lots of great baking and food and a wonderful selection of crafts, plants, trinkets and treasures. To those who helped with the set up and clean up, to those who donated their wares and to all who came to shop on either or both days, our appreciation and gratitude. We made \$1277 and that is great. We had lots of laughs and getting to know one another better and that was priceless!

On Sunday October 13th, at 10:30 am, please join us for a special service of Thanksgiving and a very special surprise!

A Tasty Time!

Mark your calendars. **The Almonte Churches Community Friendship Luncheon is at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 15, 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 homemade desserts for \$10/person.

FILL UP MERYL FOOD DRIVE!



Our Sunday School and Youth Group are focusing on local food security and how we need to care for our neighbours throughout the month of October. Our goal? To fill up Meryl the truck to the brim with food bank donations! So we need your help! Bring in your non-perishable food items, or cash donations, any Sunday in October and help us help others.

Most needed items:

- Granulated sugar, Habitant pea soup, cooking oil, ketchup, instant pudding mix, hamburger/tuna helper, microwaveable rice/noodle packets, Boost/Ensure/Glucerna meal supplements/replacement, feminine hygiene products (pads/tampons) and hand soap.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2

Tuesday from 10 to 2

Thursday from 10 to 2

Monday to Friday

9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, October 7

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, October 8

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Film crew lunch

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, October 9

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, October 10

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Film crew lunch

6:30 Rhythm & Song Choir

Friday, October 11

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

10:30 Sunday Worship: **Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lyndsey Lambden Yoga