

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 July 12, 2026 10:30 am

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Parables of Jesus ~ Parable means – overturn/cast aside.

“Stories told by Jesus are intended to upset what we think”

Dianna Butler Bass

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 291 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Call to Worship

One: We come from different places, different weeks, different burdens

All: and we come together, as one people.

One: We set aside what we thought we knew,

All: and make room for what might take root among us.

One: So let us centre our hearts and our minds in this sacred hour,

All: and open ourselves to what God is doing here.

One: Come, all who hunger for justice, all who long for peace, you are welcome here,

All: come, let us worship together

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, we come to this hour seeking good soil for our lives

you welcome those who feel scattered, and those who feel firmly planted,

those seeking rest for a tired week, and those seeking courage for the week ahead,

you welcome us all, welcoming God.

Amen.

Learning the Faith Growing Parables

Hymn: 356 “Seek Yea First”

The Summer Choir

Mission Moment

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: What Takes Root

Hymn: MV 79 “Spirit Open My Heart”

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

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: 884 “You Shall Go Out With Joy “(2 Times)

Commissioning

One: Go now, and carry what has taken root in you today —

All: we go, planted, and ready to grow.

One: Go with courage into whatever soil you meet this week,
All: trusting that we do not go alone.

One: For we belong to God, who scatters us in love to bear fruit in
the world —

All: we belong to God, now and always.

Benediction

Singing of O Canada

Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

NEW AUC DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

AUC is creating a church directory of the congregation and pictures of special events. This is a valuable tool in getting to know the congregation and what we do. The photo sessions are scheduled from October 21 to 24th. There will be only 21 photo sittings available per day .

We do not need a commitment from you: we just need to know if you are interested and likely to have a photograph taken for insertion into the photo directory. Everyone will receive a free copy of the photo directory and the photo session is also free. You will have the opportunity to purchase a photo or photos for yourself or as gifts. These will be ready for Christmas giving. For those wanting to see a sample of a directory, there is a completed one entitled “Edith Rankin Memorial United Church” , on the desk outside of the office.. **If you are interested and will likely want to be in the photo directory, please reply to Bob Lesser at robert.lesser@rogers.com.** If you aren’t interested, there is no need to respond.



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.



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. Heather know if this

is something you can help with once a month.

Like us on our Facebook pages:

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AUC Sunday School

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, July 13

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 Auld Kirk meeting

Wednesday, July 15

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, July 16

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



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Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
Counter this month:	Ron MacMeekin & Allan Paul
Greeter:	Leon & Nancy Page
Greeter next week:	Karen Pritchard & Evelyn Ironside
Reader:	Laurie Blackstock
Reader next week:	Mary MacMeekin
Sunday School:	Margie Graff
Sound System	Bob Lesser & Laurie Blackstock John Day



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It can be found on the table outside the office door.

