

# ORDER OF VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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**October 17, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**Welcome to Worship** *at the virtual Ellington Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ. We're happy to have you with us this morning.*

## **Our Church Mission Statement**

*To be a dynamic and nurturing community  
called by God's grace  
to know Christ and make Him known  
through worship, love, and service.*

Adopted September 15, 2019



## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP MONTH**

### **WELCOME**

### **GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

### **UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (CEB)

**All:**   <sup>104</sup> **Let my whole being bless the LORD!**  
          **LORD my God, how fantastic you are!**  
          **You are clothed in glory and grandeur!**  
      <sup>2</sup> **You wear light like a robe;**  
          **you open the skies like a curtain.**  
      <sup>3</sup> **You build your lofty house on the waters;**

you make the clouds your chariot,  
going around on the wings of the wind.  
<sup>4</sup> You make the winds your messengers;  
you make fire and flame your ministers.  
<sup>5</sup> You established the earth on its foundations  
so that it will never ever fall.  
<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the watery deep like a piece of  
clothing;  
the waters were higher than the mountains!  
<sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke they ran away;  
they fled in fear at the sound of your thunder.  
<sup>8</sup> They flowed over the mountains,  
streaming down the valleys  
to the place you established for them.  
<sup>9</sup> You set a boundary they cannot cross  
so they'll never again cover the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> LORD, you have done so many things!  
You made them all so wisely!  
The earth is full of your creations!  
<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth;  
let the wicked be no more.  
But let my whole being bless the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!  
We will praise the Lord with our worship!

## **HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #2

### ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

<sup>1</sup> *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

<sup>2</sup> *All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

<sup>3</sup> *Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.*

<sup>4</sup> *Mortals, join the happy chorus;  
stars of morning, take your part;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding those of tender heart.  
Ever singing, move we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife,  
joyful music lifts us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.*

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Righteousness, we know you will have mercy upon us as we make our confession to you. We question your judgement when your will conflicts with our own. We are sometimes reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you interfere in what we have planned for our life's journey. Please let us pay attention to your wake-up call and reconsider our chosen path. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in considering your "Right Way for Living." We ask for your mercy and to deliver us from self-deception. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Apostle Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God's love for us. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in God's promise. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

Chalice Hymnal #35

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever-shall be,  
world with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

## **ENGAGING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that questions my wisdom  
with such ignorant words?

<sup>3</sup> Brace yourself like a man,  
because I have some questions for you,  
and you must answer them.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?  
Tell me, if you know so much.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its dimensions  
and stretched out the surveying line?

<sup>6</sup> What supports its foundations,  
and who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> as the morning stars sang together  
and all the angels<sup>[a]</sup> shouted for joy?

<sup>34</sup> “Can you shout to the clouds  
and make it rain?

<sup>35</sup> Can you make lightning appear  
and cause it to strike as you direct?

<sup>36</sup> Who gives intuition to the heart  
and instinct to the mind?

<sup>37</sup> Who is wise enough to count all the clouds?  
Who can tilt the water jars of heaven

<sup>38</sup> when the parched ground is dry  
and the soil has hardened into clods?

<sup>39</sup> “Can you stalk prey for a lioness  
and satisfy the young lions’ appetites  
<sup>40</sup> as they lie in their dens  
or crouch in the thicket?  
<sup>41</sup> Who provides food for the ravens  
when their young cry out to God  
and wander about in hunger?”

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:35-45 (NLT)

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favor.”

<sup>36</sup> “What is your request?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”

<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup> “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!”

Then Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. <sup>40</sup> But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their

people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>43</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## MESSAGE

Rev. Joanne Myer

“Our Deep and Real Interconnection with God’s Creation”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #267

#### *Blessed Quietness*

<sup>1</sup> *Joys are flowing like a river, since the Comforter has come;  
Christ abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home.*  
R: *Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.  
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to  
roll.*

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## SILENT MEDITATION

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **VIRTUAL OFFERING**

Sentence

### **DOXOLOGY**

Chalice Hymnal #46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Eternal and Loving God, treasures lose their luster, and riches are easily spent, but your kingdom endures forever. We approach you trusting your will for our lives. You give us assurance of your abiding presence. You provide us with confidence as we follow Christ's call to discipleship and stewardship. We ask that you accept the gifts we offer so that we may work in mission to carry your Word everywhere. Amen.**

### **GOING WITH THE WORD**

### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #91

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***

<sup>1</sup> *All hail the power of Jesus' name!*

*Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.*



<sup>3</sup> *O Sinners, who can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

<sup>4</sup> *Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup> *O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

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## RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #91

One: Let us go out and spread the story of Jesus, the Christ!

All: **We will spread the story of God's love, incarnate in  
Christ Jesus, far and wide.**

One: Above all, let us crown Christ Jesus, through God, as the  
Supreme Power over the earth and the universe.

All: **We will crown Christ Jesus, through God, as Lord of  
All! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      Chalice Hymnal #434

***God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

*<sup>1</sup> God be with you till we meet a-gain;  
lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
with a shep-herd's care en-fold you:  
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*



CEB – Common English Bible  
MSG – The Message  
NLT – New Living Translation