

ORDER OF VIRTUAL WORSHIP

October 24, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

UNITED NATIONS DAY

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

WELCOME

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-8 (CEB)

All: ³⁴ **I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.**
 ² **I^[b] praise the LORD—
let the suffering listen and rejoice.**
 ³ **Magnify the LORD with me!**

Together let us lift his name up high!
⁴ I sought the LORD and he answered me.
 He delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to God will shine;
 their faces are never ashamed.
⁶ This suffering person cried out:
 the LORD listened and saved him from every
 trouble.
⁷ On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those
 who honor God; and he delivers them.
⁸ Taste and see how good the LORD is!
 The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!
 We will praise the Lord with our worship!

HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #323

Wonderful Words of Life

¹ *Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
 let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
 Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:*

[Refrain:]

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
 Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

² *Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
 sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.
 All so freely given, wooing us to heaven: [Refrain]*

³ *Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
 offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.
 Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]*

WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874 // CCLI #1326969

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God of unconditional love, we give thanks that you appointed Christ Jesus as our High Priest. We know that we can count on Christ Jesus to intercede for us whenever we believe we are too mired in trouble to reach out to you. We ask for Jesus' intercession as we confess our sins to you now. At times, we do not live by faith, but choose to be on our own without you. It obstructs our spiritual journey. We do not always seek your truth and it keeps us from being as helpful to our neighbor as we should be. We give in to self-fulfillment rather than to follow your recipe for righteousness. We do not always listen for your still speaking voice. We ask that, through Christ Jesus, you forgive us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Remember that Christ Jesus did not promote himself to be made a high priest but was appointed by God. God said to him: "You are a priest forever." As we confess our sins, we have assurance that Christ intercedes on our behalf. God hears all our prayers. Through Christ Jesus, 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 42:1-6 (NLT)

42 Then Job replied to the LORD:

² “I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.

³ You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such
ignorance?’

It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.

⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.’

⁵ I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

⁶ I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 7:23-28 (NLT)

²³ There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. ²⁴ But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save^[a] those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

²⁶ He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners

and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. ²⁷ Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins. ²⁸ The law appointed high priests who were limited by human weakness. But after the law was given, God appointed his Son with an oath, and his Son has been made the perfect High Priest forever.

MESSAGE

Rev. Joanne Myer

“Relationship Yet Again? Yes, Indeed: Human, Divine,
Ecological, Political, Social, Religious”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #113

Jesus Loves Me!

³ *Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.*

R: *Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

WORDS: St. 1 Anna B. Warner, 1860; st. 2, 3, David R. McGuire, c. 1970 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1862 // CCLI #1326969

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: We thank you God for our many blessings. You lavish gifts on us. You have given us life; we dedicate our lives to following Christ's example and teaching. You have given us strength; we offer our energy to help neighbors in need. You have given us the commandments; we commit our creativity, our vitality, and our treasure as signs of our faithfulness to you. Please accept the tributes we bring and help us to use all to do your work in our community and the world. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #99

O, How I Love Jesus

¹ *There is a name I love to hear, I love to speak its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.*

[Refrain:] *O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!*

² *It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.*

[Refrain]

³ *It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
who in my sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.*

[Refrain]

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855; refrain anon. MUSIC: Traditional American melody (19th Century) // CCLI #1326969

UNISON BENEDICTION

Chalice Hymnal #98

All:

**In our union with Christ we will be
clouds with life-giving rain,
trees bearing luscious fruit
and fountains of cold stream-water for thirsty
travelers.**

-Robert Richardson, 19th-century Disciples wrtier and editor

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

¹ *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.*

