

ORDER OF RECORDED WORSHIP

November 7, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Worship *at the recorded 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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

(ALL SAINTS DAY: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST)

VETERANS DAY

(THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #611

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

One: As followers of Christ Jesus, we are all saints, or holy ones.

All: We will serve God through Christ with our hearts, minds, and all our strength.

One: Let us rise up and, guided by God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, make the church a guiding light for the world.

All: Lifting high the cross of Jesus, and by following his example, we will spread God's love wherever we journey. Amen.

HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #637

For All the Saints

¹ *For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

² *Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

³ *O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*⁵ From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life through communion with you, yet we have sometimes closed our hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have too often chosen the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. We ask that you release us from the bonds of self-centeredness and make us more open to your loving ways and transformation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LITANY OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Let us love one another; for love is of God.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us.

One: God was made manifest to us when God sent Jesus, the Christ into the world.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us.

One: God loves us infinitely and unconditionally; God sent Jesus to be the payment for our sins.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us. God's love transforms us and makes us whole. In God's love, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

*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.*

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (CEB)

³ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn’t I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? ² Now isn’t Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. ³ You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don’t make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.”

⁵ Ruth replied to her, “I’ll do everything you are telling me.”

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.

He was intimate with her, the LORD let her become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi, “May the LORD be blessed, who today hasn’t left you without a redeemer. May his name be proclaimed in Israel. ¹⁵ He will restore your life and sustain you in your old age. Your daughter-in-law who loves you has given birth to him. She’s better for

you than seven sons.”¹⁶ Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian.¹⁷ The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They called his name Obed. He became Jesse’s father and David’s grandfather.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“Ruth: A Vignette”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #278

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

¹ *Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior’s cross, joined in love we stand.*

*As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.*

WORDS: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958; tr. Everett M. Stowe, 1958 MUSIC: Isao Koizumi, 1958
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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 God, we go forth to serve you, wherever Christ calls us. We ask that you bless our efforts to make his name known. May all that we do be for your glory. Please accept the time, talents, and treasure we offer as tributes to your glory. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Our church welcomes to communion people of all ages
who desire to follow Jesus Christ and grow in faith.*

All are invited to prepare communion elements in their home (loaf of bread, dinner roll, croissant, slice of bread, etc., and glass of orange or grape juice, wine or water, etc.).

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #330

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

¹ *Al-le-lu-ia! Hear God's story, still unfolding with each dawn.
Taste the wine and body broken: God's creative love lives on.
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry? Who is thirsty for shalom?
God of journey, in your story; lead us, with the neighbor, home.*

² *Al-le-lu-ia! Sing the story; God's great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles; sing the pow'r of Jesus' name.
Who the neighbor? Who the list'ner? Who has ears to hear our
song? God of hist'ry, tune our voices, make our hopeful witness
strong.*

³ *AL-le-lu-ia! Dance the story; ev'ry sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship, boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful? Who will welcome life's
embrace? God of gospel, tell the story through our dancing of
your grace.*

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INVITATION

Chalice Hymnal #388

Remember Me

ALL: Upon the loaf and upon the cup of the Lord, in letters which speak not to the eye, but to the heart of every disciple, is inscribed, "When this you see, remember me." Indeed, the Lord says to each disciple, when he receives the symbols into his hand, "This is my body broken for you." The loaf is thus constituted a representation of his body – first whole, then wounded for our sins. The cup is thus instituted a representation of his blood – once his life, but now poured out to cleanse us from our sins.

Alexander Campbell, 19th-century Disciples forebear // CCLI #1326969

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE SACRED MEAL

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Eternal God of Love, we thank you for uniting us by baptism into the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips that have sung your praises may speak the truth. Grant that in the days ahead our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world. Grant that the days ahead our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #433

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

¹ *Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

² *When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.*

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1872 MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845 //
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RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #433

One: We give you thanks, Loving God, that we have been joined together in Christian unity and love.

All: Our hearts remain bound together in Christian love as brothers and sisters in Christ.

One: During the week, let us continue to feel the closeness that we have when we are together worshipping in this beautiful sacred space.

All: Surrounded by God's love, we are joined in heart and hope and look forward to being together again next Sunday. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Chalice Hymnal #434

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.*

