

ORDER OF RECORDED WORSHIP

November 14, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BLESSING OF THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

WELCOME

- **Celebration of our Veterans**

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #714

For the Fruit of All Creation

One: We thank God for all the blessings of creation.

All: **We give thanks for those who plow, grow, harvest
and see to our survival. As God's disciples we shall
see to earth's needs for the future.**

One: Let us give help to our neighbors both near and far.

All: **We will work to help the hungry, those who are in
pain, and those who need homes and jobs.**

One: We look to God's love and God's Holy Spirit to help us
in all these endeavors.

All: **Our thanks to God as we enter into worship. Praise
be to God! Amen.**

HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #714

For the Fruit of All Creation

¹ *For the fruit of all creation,*

thanks be to God;

for the gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God;

for the plowing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping,

thanks be to God.

² *In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

³ *For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906 Words © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. // CCLI #1326969

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, you rekindle the embers of our faith by your Spirit; we ask that you cleanse us of our sins and help us as we continue in discipleship. We are sometimes guilty of pushing you to the edges of our lives. At times, we serve you only when it is convenient for us to do so. We follow Christ Jesus when it benefits us. We call on the Holy Spirit when our own efforts fail. Please remake us in your image of Righteousness as you continue to enlighten us on our journey. Amen.

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

- One: When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat at the right hand of God.
- All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**
- One: For by a single offering, Christ has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**
- One: And the Holy Spirit adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."
- All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**
- One: Where there is forgiveness, there is love.
- All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and loved unconditionally. 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.*

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION BLESSING

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (CEB)

2 Then Hannah prayed:

My heart rejoices in the LORD.

My strength^[a] rises up in the LORD!

My mouth mocks my enemies

because I rejoice in your deliverance.

²No one is holy like the LORD—

no, no one except you!

There is no rock like our God!

³Don't go on and on, talking so proudly,

spouting arrogance from your mouth,

because the LORD is the God who knows,

and he weighs every act.

⁴The bows of mighty warriors are shattered,

but those who were stumbling now dress themselves in power!

⁵Those who were filled full now sell themselves for bread,

but the ones who were starving are now fat from food!

The woman who was barren has birthed seven children,

but the mother with many sons has lost them all!

⁶The LORD!

He brings death, gives life,

takes down to the grave,^[b] and raises up!

⁷The LORD!

He makes poor, gives wealth,

brings low, but also lifts up high!

⁸God raises the poor from the dust,

lifts up the needy from the garbage pile.

God sits them with officials,

gives them the seat of honor!

The pillars of the earth belong to the LORD;

he set the world on top of them!

⁹God guards the feet of his faithful ones,

but the wicked die in darkness

because no one succeeds by strength alone.

¹⁰The LORD!

His enemies are terrified!

God thunders against them from heaven!
The LORD!
He judges the far corners of the earth!
May God give strength to his king
and raise high the strength of his anointed one.

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18, 19-25 (CEB)

¹¹ Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. ¹³ Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, ¹⁴ because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

¹⁶ *This is the covenant that I will make with them.*

After these days, says the Lord,

*I will place my laws in their hearts
and write them on their minds.*

¹⁷ *And I won't remember their sins
and their lawless behavior anymore.*

¹⁸ When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, ²¹ and we have a great high priest over God's house.

²² Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

²³ Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

²⁴ And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵ Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“Births, Deaths, Flowering and Ripening Seasons
OR
Harmony is Not the Same as Unity!”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #566

Be Still, My Soul

¹ *Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.*

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt. MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933 Arr. © 1933, renewed 1961, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education // 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 come before you, O God, as witnesses to your glory and offer you gifts in praise of your love for us. May we help your light continue to shine forth here on earth so that all creation understands your power and goodness. Help us to use these gifts wisely as we continue your mission in the world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #609

Take My Life

¹ *Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.*

*Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

² *Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

³ *Take my voice, and let me sing;
unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

⁶ *Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.*

*Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

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RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #609

One: In the days ahead, let us give our lives to God.

All: **We shall sing praises to God through Christ.**

One: Spread God's message far and wide.

All: **With voices, hands, feet, and hearts, we shall love the Lord, our God! 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.*

