

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 16, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Worship at the Ellington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We're happy to have you with us this morning. If you are visiting and would like to receive more information about our church, please fill out an **"I Wish"** card found in the pew rack.

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



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND

*As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the
spirit of worship and prayer.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 36:5-10

One: Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your
justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and
animals alike, O LORD.**

One: How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All
humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings

**All: You feed them from the abundance of your own
house, letting them drink from the river of your
delights.**

One: For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we
see.

**All: Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you;
give justice to those with honest hearts.
Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #275

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Eternal God, we blend our voices in common confession
for we know that you are the source of our salvation. We
have been taught that there are a variety of gifts among
people, yet we judge others because they do not fit our mold.**

*All who are able, please stand.

We forget that they have been perfectly made by you to fit your mold. There is a Power in the universe and that Power has been given many names. We mistrust those who do not name as we do, and we doubt that they are led by the same Spirit. We ask that you forgive us for the many ways we sever the parts of Christ's body. Please reconcile us through Christ Jesus and pardon our estrangement from our neighbor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 2, verses 14 and 16 tell us that "Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility." It is Christ who reconciles us "both to God in one body through the cross." Through Christ, let us live in the assurance that we are forgiven, and we are joined together as fellow citizens in God's household. 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.*

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Chalice Hymnal #433

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible OT p. 692

LP Pew Bible OT p. 1049

Isaiah 62:1-5

*All who are able, please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. 93
LP Pew Bible NT p. 131

John 2:1-11

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne read by Chas Gross

“Change Something Ordinary into Something Extraordinary”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #288
(vs. 4)

O God of Vision

*Break the sun's rays into color, a rainbow around us.
Storm clouds, though real and near, are not enough to
confound us.
Arched in the sky, beauty and promise are high, giving us hope
to astound us.*

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.

PIANO RESPONSE

*All who are able, please stand.

OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Dave Robert – violin solo
(accompanied by Robin Miller)

Presentation of Offerings

The Shopping Cart is used during the offering to collect your gifts of food for Ellington and Tri-Town residents in need. The food is distributed by the Ellington Food Bank, Crystal Lake Community Food Pantry, the HVCC Food Pantry and The Cornerstone Cupboard. Your generosity is a blessing to all who receive and a witness to Christ's love for the world. Thank you!

***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: God of Steadfast Love, we give thanks that you give to each one of us a measure of your bounteous kindness and compassion. We ask that you accept what we offer in return as a gift of love from this faith community. When we serve others, please make it pleasing in your sight. Christ Jesus' gift of self has made us one body. Let everything we do reflect that we are striving to be unified in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #453

One: Let us go out and respond to others in deep
commitment as we grow in faith.

**All: We will share in Christian unity, side by side and
friend with friend by living God's Way.**

One: Every day let us strive to continue to follow Christ
Jesus' teaching to reconcile all people on earth.

**All: In spite of the world's chaos, we will continue to
explore new patterns for Christ's mission, both in our
community and globally. We will strive to be
messengers of faith giving out hope, confidence, and
peace. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #159

(vs. 3)

There's a Song in the Air!

*We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng,
and we welcome the glorious gospel they bring,
and we greet in the cradle our savior and king.*

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE



*All who are able, please stand.

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Thank you Robin Miller for providing music for the morning worship last week and again this morning.

*Thank you Dave Robert
for your violin solo this morning.*

*Thank you Chas Gross
for leading worship this morning.*

*All who are able, please stand.