

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 8, 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



MAY 8, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

*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.

UNISON INTROIT DURING EASTERTIDE

**Come, risen Christ, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
that we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has been acting in our lives and in the world
around us this past week.

All: We have come for this hour of worship to make
ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for
God's presence with us.

One: God is here ready to strengthen us and to urge us to
greater faithfulness.

All: We ask that you fill us with your goodness, Loving
God, take our hands, and help us constantly to be
aware of what your mission is for us in this world.
Amen.

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #628

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgive us, Creator God, if we have taken the gift of life
and the gifts of creation for granted. We are sorry that we
have not shared with others or have not given thanks as we
ought to have done. We forget that the good things of our
lives are gifts and blessings from you rather than rewards

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we have earned. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your domain. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Good News in Christ Jesus is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us and inviting us into the freshness of new beginnings. Let us continue to praise our God of nurture, graciousness, and love. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Chalice Hymnal #224 (**Refrain**)

*Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Cassie Miller

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman for
Sunday School.)*

OLD TESTAMENT

Pew Bible OT p. 501

LP Pew Bible OT p. 760

Psalm 23

EPISTLE LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. 128

LP Pew Bible NT p. 182

Acts 9:36-43

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MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“A Vignette about the Woman, Dorcas (Tabitha)”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #550
(Refrain)

*There's Within My Heart a Melody
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus –
sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Robin Miller

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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 #218

Thine Is the Glory (refrain)

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Loving God, we rejoice as we offer these gifts. We ask that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure be a sign of our love for you. With all that we have, we seek to be faithful; we commit ourselves to you in response to Christ's call. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #214

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #214

One: Our Loving Christ Jesus, we constantly give thanks for your life, passion, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: We give you thanks that you are our Rock and our Salvation.

One: We are grateful that we have had this time of worship

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in community with one another and with you.

**All: We will go out into the world washed clean and ready
to do God's mission. Amen.**

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #106 (vs. 1 & 2)

Alleluia

*¹Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*²Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia,
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE



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Alleluia

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