

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**May 15, 2022**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**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



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY**

**ARMED FORCES DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 21**

*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**

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and  
heard.

As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

**GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

**\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 148

**Praise the LORD!**

**Praise the LORD from heaven!**

**Praise God on the heights!**

**Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!**

**Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!**

**Sun and moon, praise God!**

**All of you bright stars, praise God!**

**You highest heaven, praise God!**

**Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!**

**Let all of these praise the LORD's name**

**because God gave the command and they were created!**

**God set them in place always and forever.**

**God made a law that will not be broken.**

**Praise the LORD from the earth,**

**you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!**

**Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,**

**stormy wind that does what God says!**

**Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,**

**fruit trees, and every single cedar!**

**Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—**

**you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!**

**Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**you princes and every single ruler on earth!  
Do the same, you young men—young women too!—  
you who are old together with you who are young!**

**Let all of these praise the LORD's name  
because only God's name is high over all.  
Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.**

**God raised the strength of his people,  
the praise of all his faithful ones—  
that's the Israelites,  
the people who are close to him.**

**Praise the LORD!**

*Let us worship with joy!*

**\*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #717

*Let All Things Now Living*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Caring and Compassionate Creator, we enter this Sanctuary set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. Too often, we have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. We ask that you increase our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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## **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: When we contemplate God’s law, we learn of God’s love and God’s “Right Way for Living,” God’s Righteousness. God’s generous care protects all of us and the earth. When we gather to worship and pray, we are made whole by God through the redeeming love of Jesus, the Christ. Because of this, we can be assured of God’s forgiveness.

**\*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!*

## **A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS AND ALL CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

### **ENGAGING THE WORD**

#### **ANTHEM**

#### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p. 108  
LP Pew Bible NT p. 154  
John 13:31-35

#### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Joanne  
“Love to the Max”

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #501 (vs. 3)

### ***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

## **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.

## **RESPONSE**

## **OFFERING**

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

## **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*

\*All who are able, please stand.

*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: Eternal and Sustaining God, we praise you for creating our beautiful earth, the universe, and the magnificence within. You satisfy our hearts with joy as our cup overflows. Through Christ, you have taught us to walk in your ways. We give thanks that we are still learning as “God is still speaking.” We renew our commitment to serve you gladly and to love one another as you first loved us. We know you will help us to be wise as we use these offerings in doing your work in the world. Amen.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #494

***They'll Know We Are Christians***

**RESPONSIVE BLESSING (seated)**

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #494

**One: We are blessed to be a community of faith united by God's love through Christ Jesus.**

**All: We will continue to walk hand in hand with one another and to be thankful for our unity in Christ Jesus.**

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One: Let us continue to work and praise together in love.

**All: We are a dynamic and nurturing community, called by God's grace; we will go out into the world and make God known through Christ Jesus by loving, caring, serving, and spreading the good news of God. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #106 (vs. 1 & 2)

### *Alleluia*

*<sup>1</sup>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*<sup>2</sup>Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia,  
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia.*

## THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

### POSTLUDE

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GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL: HYMNS, PSALMS, & SPIRITUAL SONGS

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* #757 (vs. 4)

TEXT: H. Ken Carmichael, 1985

MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906  
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#### *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

WORDS: African-American spiritual

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Harold Moyer  
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#### *Alleluia*

WORDS: Jerry Sinclair, 1972, alt.

MUSIC: Jerry Sinclair, 1972

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