

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 22, 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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION OF CHRIST: MAY 26

*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**

God came to us through Christ Jesus to bring peace to the earth. Truly, Christ Jesus is God with us! Jesus demonstrated peace to us by the way he lived and then brought us the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to be with us always. In Jesus, the Christ resides the hope that all people may one day dwell together in peace! Let us continue in praise, thanksgiving, and alleluias.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 67

Let God grant us grace and bless us;
let God make his face shine on us,
so that your way becomes known on earth,
so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.

Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

Let the people celebrate
and shout with joy
because you judge the nations fairly
and guide all nations on the earth.

Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

The earth has yielded its harvest.

God blesses us—our God blesses us!

Let God continue to bless us;
let the far ends of the earth honor him.

Let us worship God with joy!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*All who are able, please stand.

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #265

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Caring and Compassionate Creator, we enter this place 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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Deacon: When we contemplate God's law, we learn of God's love and God's "Right Way for Living." 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. 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!***

*All who are able, please stand.

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Lee Carman and the Board of Christian Education will dedicate Bibles that are being gifted to children and youth: pre-school – eighth grade and S.E.E.D. (Students Encounter and Experience Discipleship).

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. 109

LP Pew Bible NT p. 155

John 14:23-29

MESSAGE

Board of Deacons

“Reflections”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #502

Come, You Disconsolate

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,

hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!

Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”

IN OUR PRAYERS

SILENT MEDITATION

*All who are able, please stand.

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 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: Our Eternal God, we come bringing our gifts in your name. You are the source of all righteousness; we offer ourselves as ambassadors for peace. We ask that you guide us

**All who are able, please stand.*

in the wise use of our time, talent, and treasure as we use our offerings for justice in the world to alleviate homelessness, hunger, discrimination, oppression, and more. We give thanks in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #66

One: Let us go out into the world with praise to our immortal and victorious God on our lips and in our hearts.

All: We will praise and thank God always.

One: You are our steadfast and unchanging God. You reign in glory.

All: We are grateful for our lives and all life on earth. We will continue to blossom and flourish like the leaves on the trees. We will praise and thank God always. 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.*

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POSTLUDE



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Alleluia

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