

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 29, 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END

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

PRELUDE

Senior Bell Choir

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

***UNISON INTROIT DURING EASTERTIDE**

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 97

One: The LORD rules! Let the earth rejoice!
Let all the islands celebrate!

**All: Clouds and thick darkness surround God.
His throne is built on righteousness and justice.**

One: Fire proceeds before him,
burning up his enemies on every side.

**All: His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees it and trembles!**

One: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of the whole world!

**All: Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness,
and all nations have seen his glory.**

One: All those who worship images,
those who are proud of idols, are put to shame.
All gods bow down to the Lord!

**All: Zion has heard and celebrates,
the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your acts of justice, LORD,**

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**because you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
because you are so superior to all other gods.**

One: Those of you who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of his faithful ones,
delivering them from the power of the wicked.

All: **Light is planted like seed for the righteous person;
joy too for those whose heart is right.
Rejoice in the LORD, righteous ones!
Give thanks to his holy name!**

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #722

This Is My Song

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, Source of redeeming graciousness and infinite goodness, we know you will hear us as we pray for forgiveness. While you reach out to us in fellowship, we sometimes turn from you in shame. We realize that when we don't serve others as we should, we are not proclaiming your love. We confess Christ Jesus as our Savior, yet we do not always include Him in our day to day lives. When that happens, our discipleship suffers. We confess our sins to you because we realize we need repentance. Our thanks to you, dear God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The three synoptic Gospels all remind us, like this quote from Matthew 21: "The very stone that the builders rejected

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has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Christ Jesus is our foundation; God's will in him cannot be shaken. Our redemption is sure; we are forgiven!

***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!*

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Battle Hymn of the Republic

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. 136

LP Pew Bible NT p. 194

Acts 16:16-34

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Foundations"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #102

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

**²No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind
recall a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.**

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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 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.***

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GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #720

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #720

One: God's creation is indeed beautiful, with spacious skies,
fields of grain, majestic mountains, fruit trees, animals,
bountiful food, and humans created in God's image.

**All: We give thanks for God's gifts and will promote care
of the earth and one another as we ourselves do all
we can to honor and care for God's great gifts.**

One: Let us honor our heroes who have fought for and given
their lives for the freedoms we enjoy, especially for the
freedom to worship.

**All: With God's help, we will continue to strive for justice
and peace in our nation. Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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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