

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**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



### **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY TELOS CHILI COOK-OFF AND BROWNIE BAKE-OFF: SOCIAL HOUR**

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

**PRELUDE**

Julie LaRocca

**WELCOME**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**  
*(The Christ in me sees the Christ in you.)*

\*All who are able, please stand.

**INTROIT**

Chalice Hymnal #176

*Sing to the tune of: **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

***Sing of God Made Manifest***

**<sup>3</sup>Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding  
guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and  
healed,  
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.**

**GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #261

One: Let us appreciate one another as we each feel the  
presence of God through Christ Jesus.

**All: We do indeed feel the Spirit of the Lord here with us  
in our beautiful Sanctuary.**

One: Let us lift our hearts in praise.

**All: We know God will revive us and transform us through  
this morning's worship.**

**We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #261 (2 X)

***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of Lovingkindness and Forgiveness, we are grateful  
for your love as we make our confession. You invite us to  
discipleship, yet at times we remain silent and unmoving.  
You call us to act faithfully, yet we do not respond as  
quickly as we should. We claim to be wise, yet we forget**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**your plan for a “Right Way of Living.” Please help us to obey You, through Christ Jesus to live faithfully and truthfully, and to love our neighbors whom we are commanded to serve. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: God, who is just and gracious, has sent Christ Jesus into the world to redeem us from separation from God. As we turn to God with repentant hearts, Christ intercedes on our behalf. With assurance I can say to you: “In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.” Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Chalice Hymnal #35

#### ***Glory Be to the Father***

**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 without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD CHAIRS AND MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS AND GROUP CHAIRS FOR 2024**

#### **PRESENTATION**

**LEADER:** The people who are accepting positions on Boards, Committees, and Groups have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have responded to God’s call and we are witnesses to their willingness and dedication to serve.

#### **COVENANT**

**LEADER:** Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared

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to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

**INDIVIDUALS: I am.**

**LEADER:** Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ Jesus?

**INDIVIDUALS: I do, relying on God's graciousness.**

**LEADER:** Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

**All: Each one of us covenants to be partners with you in the service of Christ Jesus. We promise you our Christian love, we promise to honor your leadership, and we promise to assist you so that we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

**LEADER:** Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted this community of faith to our care and keeping. In order to do that, you have called these people to serve you here at Ellington Congregational Church, the wider community, and the world. Please make them aware that your Holy Spirit is always with them to help them as they serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties so that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ's ministry to the glory of your name.

**All: Amen.**

#### **DECLARATION**

**LEADER:** In the name of Christ Jesus, and on behalf of the people of Ellington Congregation Church, United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are installed in your respective positions as leaders of this church.

\*All who are able, please stand.

All: Amen.

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Senior Choir

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

*(Children will be dismissed for Church School.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Pew Bible OT p #562

Large Print Bible OT p #853

**Psalm 111**

**NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p #35

Large Print Bible NT p #49

**Mark 1:21-28**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Joanne

**“Power And Authority” and/or “Take It To The People”**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Chalice Hymnal #503 (Vs. 1)

*O Christ, the Healer*

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to  
plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that  
never ends?

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**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.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Senior Choir

**OFFERING: *Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God***

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 #46

***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

**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. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Loving God, it is a blessing and a joy to give back to you a portion of what you give to us. We ask that you receive these gifts as we walk in your way. Where justice is needed,**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

please use these gifts to bring Christ Jesus' rescuing word to others. Where there is pain, may these gifts bring the healing of Christ Jesus' love. Please increase what we give to you as we continue to grow into your ways through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### GOING WITH THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #586

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**BENEDICTION**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #586

One: We give thanks that we have had our eyes, ears, and hearts opened to the Word of God.

**All: We will go out into the world guided by the Holy Spirit to spread God's message far and wide. Amen.**

### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

### **CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Chalice Hymnal #677

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace  
eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca



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***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

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