

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**FEBRUARY 11, 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



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND THE CUB SCOUTS (AGES 7-10)  
SCOUTS BSA (AGES 11-17)  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*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 #2

**One: We come to rejoice with gladness of heart as we sing  
your praises and adore your wonderful gifts of love.**

**All: You bring us promise of new life in Christ Jesus, our  
Example, Teacher, and Savior.**

**One: We come to offer thanks for all God has given to us.**

**All: We know that God through Christ Jesus will teach us  
how to love each other and that we will be uplifted  
and surrounded with God's Divine joy.**

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

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #2

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Loving God, we know you take care of our needs and  
give blessings without end. At times though, we are not  
satisfied with what we have and desire more and more. We  
lose our patience and blame our troubles on others. This**

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

causes us to withhold from our neighbors the acceptance and care you have shown to us through Christ Jesus' example. We ask for your forgiveness when we stray from your path of Righteousness. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: The Apostle Paul taught that we should live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ Jesus. We should stand firm unified in one spirit and strive side by side for the faith of the gospel. As we focus our minds on the goodness of God, we do have the assurance that in Christ Jesus 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.**

### **CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

#### **ENGAGING THE WORD**

### **ANTHEM**

Senior Choir

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

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

### **NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p #49

Large Print Bible NT p #69

**Mark 12:28-31**

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**A MESSAGE ABOUT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND THE  
CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS BSA**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**                      Chalice Hymnal #6 (vs. 2)

***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and  
blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen  
band: to God all praise and glory.

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND 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.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Senior Choir

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

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

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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 #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 and Eternal God, we come with great devotion to you through Christ Jesus. The offerings we give are in response to your graciousness. Please accept them as part of our ongoing commitment to Christ Jesus and guide us as we use them in mission for the world. Amen.**

## **GOING WITH THE WORD**

### **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #33

***How Great Thou Art***

### **BENEDICTION**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #33

**One:** This week, and always, let us consider all the wonders of God that surround us every day. As we listen to and ponder the wonders of nature, may they uplift us as we continue our journey.

**All: We will give thanks to God and our souls will, indeed, sing: Our Savior God, you are great indeed.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

# 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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#### *Sing of God Made Manifest*

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**MUSIC:** Jacob Hintze, 1678; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (18<sup>th</sup> century)

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#### *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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#### *How Great Thou Art*

**WORDS and MUSIC:** Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

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

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