

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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March 31, 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



### **EASTER SUNDAY**

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

**PRELUDE**

Senior Bell Choir

***Easter Joy***

**WELCOME**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

*(The Christ in me sees the Christ in you.)*

\*All who are able, please stand.

**\*UNISON INTROIT**

Chalice Hymnal #222

***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

**Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen; hush in wonder;  
all creation is amazed.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning,  
See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not as servant, but as friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ has risen.  
**All: Christ has risen indeed.**  
One: God is alive ...  
**All: New birth is given.**  
One: Hope is alive ...  
**All: A new age is dawning.**  
One: Joy is alive ...  
**All: Redemption is here.**  
One: Love is alive ...  
**All: Death cannot harm us.**  
One: We are alive ...  
**All: New life is within us.**  
One: The church is alive ...

\*All who are able, please stand.





**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.**

**OFFERING**

Sentence

Offertory ***The Trumpet Shall Sound***

Matt Ramos, Tigger Kluessendorf, 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: Eternal God of Salvation, we come to you with  
abounding joy, constantly transformed by your love.  
Through Christ Jesus you have broken the bonds of**

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

oppression and removed any imagined barriers to your unending love. All our lives long we shall call your name blessed and give you thanks and glory for the gift of life and all it contains. Amen.

### GOING OUT WITH WORD AND PRAISE

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #226

**He Lives!**

### **THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

#### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

One: Let us burst forth from any cocoons that entrap us.

**All: We will fly free as the butterfly.**

One: In that freedom, let us go in peace, go in joy, and go in love. Christ has risen!

**All: Christ has risen indeed!**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca

*Low in the Grave*



**Musicians: Charles Wasserman, cello, Ben Bolduc, trumpet, Tigger Kluessendorf, trumpet, Dave Robert, violin**

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*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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***Alleluia***

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