

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Worship at the Ellington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We are 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) RECEIVING AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*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.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Hymn #595

One: We have come together to worship and praise God
who, day and night, is always present to us.

**All: We thank God for being our vision as God helps us to
live in righteousness.**

One: Let us treasure God and put God first in our hearts.

All: We will worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #595

Be Thou My Vision

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Eternal God, we confess that we have not always lived
for you. You have invited us into new life through
communion with you, yet we have sometimes closed our
hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way
to love, yet we have too often chosen the path of uncaring.
You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet
often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others.
We ask that you release us from the bonds of self-
centeredness and make us more open to your loving ways
and transformation. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS: A LITANY

One: Let us love one another; for love is of God.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us.

One: God was made manifest to us when God sent Jesus,
the Christ into the world.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us.

*All who are able, please stand.

One: God loves us infinitely and unconditionally; God sent Jesus to be the payment for our sins.

All: When we love one another, God abides in us. God's love transforms us and makes us whole. In God's love, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Chalice Hymnal #224

Christ Arose! (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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed for Church School.)

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM

Pew Bible NT p #490

Large Print Bible NT p #742

Psalm 4

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #91

Large Print Bible NT p #128

Luke 24:36b-48

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"It's Okay To Be 'Iffy'"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(please see bulletin insert)

*All who are able, please stand.

Heather Parker – mentoring sponsor: Melissa Rolland
Michael (Mike) Lemieux – mentoring sponsor: Jeff McAvoy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #578 (vs. 1)

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

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.**

RESPONSE

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

*All who are able, please stand.

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: God of Salvation, we give you praise. We come as your chosen instruments, called to serve others in your name. We ask that you receive our gifts of thanksgiving as we give you honor and praise forever. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #115

There's Something About That Name

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #115

One: Jesus is our master, friend, and Savior.

All: We will continue to take Jesus with us wherever we go.

One: Jesus' name for us is calming for our lives, like the fragrance we experience after the rain.

All: We will continue to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, love, calm, and peace; that message will last forever. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*All who are able, please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #106 (vs. 1 & 2)

Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia,
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



COPYRIGHTS

Be Thou My Vision

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

Harm. © 1964 The United Methodist Publishing House

CCLI #1326969

There's Something About That Name

WORDS: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither, 1970

MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1970

© 1970, 1995, William J. Gaither

CCLI #1326969

Alleluia

WORDS: Jerry Sinclair, 1972, alt.

MUSIC: Jerry Sinclair, 1972

© 1972, 1978, Manna Music, Inc.

CCLI #1326969

*All who are able, please stand.

Ellington Congregational Church, UCC

Location & Shipping Address: 72 Main Street

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 216 ~ Ellington, Connecticut 06029

The Rev. Joanne Myer	Intentional Interim Minister
	860 872 9222
Juliane LaRocca	Director of Music
Lee Carman	Director of Faith Formation
Jill McAllister	Outreach & Media Coordinator
Caroline Takach	Office Administrator
Betsy Cottle (volunteer)	Church Clerk
Lisa Sirag (volunteer)	Historian

Phone: 860-871-6606

Fax: 860-871-5932

E-mail: **OfficeAdmin@eccucc.org**

Website: **www.eccucc.org**

*All who are able, please stand.