

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 2025

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 and place it in the offering plate during the Offertory time.

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP MEETING AFTER SOCIAL HOUR

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

PRELUDE

Robin Miller

Fairest Lord Jesus

WELCOME

**Celebrating Our Office Administrator for
Administrative Professionals’ Day, April 23**

*All who are able, please stand.

UNISON INTROIT

God came to us through Christ Jesus to bring peace to the earth. Truly, Christ Jesus is God with us! Jesus demonstrated peace to us by the way he lived and then brought us the Holy Spirit, our Advocate to be with us always. In Jesus, the Christ resides the hope that all people may one day dwell together in peace! Let us continue in praise, thanksgiving, and alleluias.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 150

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

All: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness.

One: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

All: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

One: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

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

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #218

Thine Is the Glory

*All who are able, please stand.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Love, Peace, and Justice, we long to find peace of spirit amid life's struggles. We desire harmony in our families, in our faith community, and in all our relationships. We pray for the day when each family everywhere might live in peace without fear and enjoy the fruits of your blessings. We pray for the day when there will be ecumenical and interfaith peace. Yet we confess that, sometimes we are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices which peace requires. We ask that you look upon us with kindness and mercy. Please rule in our hearts and in our world and help us to follow your "Right Way for Living" as demonstrated for us by Jesus, the Christ. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God of Infinite Love, every day you give us more blessings than we can count, and we are grateful. The greatest blessing you give to us is your Son, Jesus, the Christ. He is the source of healing, the giver of wholeness, and brings the Light from you that illumines our hearts and souls. Because of Jesus and his sacrifice, our sins have been and will always be forgiven! We give you thanks. Amen.

***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!*

*All who are able, please stand.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE AND LOVE OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

FOUNDATIONS MOMENTS: USING OUR CHURCH PUZZLE

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman and teachers for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #115

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"What Happens Now?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #227 (vs. 2)

In the Garden

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds
hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is
ringing.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we
tarry there, none other has ever known.

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor Joanne

OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Robin Miller

River Flows in You

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 who sent Christ Jesus, God with us, all that we have we acknowledge as a gift of your love. Entrusted by Jesus as stewards of your creation we come before you with the fruits of our labor. We ask that you accept these offerings as signs

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of our gratefulness and help us to use them wisely to continue your mission of love, peace, and hope here on earth. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #229

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #229

One: Let us strive to carry Jesus' radiance into the world.

All: We will carry Christ's light with us from the Sanctuary into our community and on our travels.

One: Let us carry Jesus in our hearts, praise him, and do his work wherever we go.

All: We know that in this Eastertide season, Christ Jesus, risen from the grave, will guide us in all we do, and will help us to continue to strive for "peace on earth and good will to all in creation." Amen.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Robin Miller

Seek Ye First



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