

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 11, 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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

(Let us celebrate and honor the nurturing women who have helped us throughout our lives.)

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #717

One: God of Creation, we come together with love in our hearts.

All: We gladly sing songs of thanksgiving for the blessings we've been given.

One: God's light through Christ Jesus shines forth in us.

All: God guides us and leads us both day and night.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #717

Let All Things Now Living

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, our Rock and Redeemer, we give you thanks for hearing our confession. We realize we worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for blessings and generosity we receive day by day. We test you in every way, yet you promise you will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature and restore us to communion with you. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear these words of assurance from Philippians 2:6, 8: Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he “did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited.” Rather “he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on the cross.” Jesus died for us so that we might have life everlasting and approach God cleansed of our sins. In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven, indeed! 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!*

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

CELEBRATING ALL WOMEN

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Bryan Forst

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Senior Choir

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

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE Pastor Joanne
“Dorcas: A Vignette” Acts 9:36-43

*All who are able, please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #564

He Touched Me (Refrain)

**He touched me, O he touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.**

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

Sentence

Offertory

Ave Maria

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!

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***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: Loving God, in whom we put our trust, please
accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving
mingled with these tangible gifts that we have given.
They are symbols of our response to your call through
Christ Jesus for “love of neighbor.” We ask that you
help us to use these gifts wisely in faithful
stewardship. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #480
I Love to Tell the Story

BENEDICTION

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Julie LaRocca



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