

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) OPEN AND AFFIRMING INFORMATION SUNDAY ARMED FORCES DAY: May 17

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 #491

One: God gathers us all as one in Christ Jesus who is our head.

All: We come from different places and we are not the same, but God’s strong love has called us to meet in Jesus’ name.

One: We come to be transformed and reborn to common living, to love, to work, to praise.

All: God’s Holy Spirit is the leaven of life that satisfies.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #487

Help Us Accept Each Other

(Sung to the tune of ***We Call Ourselves Disciples***)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, in our hearts we realize that you are the cause for our rejoicing and the source of our gladness. However, we know that we do not always show our thanks for those great blessings from you. Help us to understand that you give our feet firm places to step so that we can stay strong and spread your Righteousness wherever we travel. Help us to know that each day Christ Jesus is our refuge and strength. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We are blessed to have abundant life through Christ Jesus, who has been chosen and is precious in God's sight. We shall continue to declare the wonderful deeds and love of Christ Jesus who calls us out of darkness and into God's shining light that overcomes all darkness. We are truly blessed by God because through Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven. 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**

A TRIBUTE FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

He Hideth My Soul

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Large Print Pew Bible OT p. #578
Psalms 139:13-18

*All who are able, please stand.

MESSAGE

Brian Cocuzzo

"One Body needs all of its parts"



RECEIVING AND WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Katie McTigue

Mentoring sponsor: Melissa Roland

(please see bulletin insert)



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #491

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

O Christ, our risen Savior; O spirit, Holy Dove,
come now and move among us; make us a sign of love.
Come, knead and blend each texture with strong and
gentle hands,
that we may be one body, one loaf in many lands.

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.**

*All who are able, please stand.

RESPONSE

OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

Nearer My God to Thee

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: As Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, Loving God, may we find in him the source of our strength. As we bring our gifts to you, we ask that you empower our hands to lift others to Christ Jesus. As we offer our praise, please place on our lips the good news of your love. We ask that you accept all that we do in the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #106

Alleluia

*All who are able, please stand.

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

All: We are an Easter people who live for Jesus and do our best to live by Jesus' example in all that we do. As we leave here, we will strive this week and always to answer Jesus' call and to follow his leading wherever it takes us. Amen.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

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Alleluia

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