

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 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



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : TRINITY SUNDAY**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**CELEBRATION OF NURTURING MEN**

**SUMMER L.I.G.H.T. PROGRAM FOR OUR CHILDREN: LEARNING  
IN GOD’S HOUSE TOGETHER**

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

**PRELUDE**

Julie LaRocca

**WELCOME**

**\*INTROIT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY** Chalice Hymnal #583 (2X)  
*Lead Me, Guide Me*

### **GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

#### **\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from **Psalm 8**

One: Lord, our Lord, your name is majestic throughout the earth!

**All: When we look up at the skies at what your fingers made – the moon and the stars – the grandeur of the world, we are humbled that you would hold human beings in such high regard.**

One: You’ve made humans only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and honor.

**All: You have allowed us to rule over your creation.  
Lord, our Lord, your name is truly majestic over all the earth.**

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

#### **\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #72  
*To God Be the Glory*

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Eternal God of Salvation, when we are put to the test, all too often we do not quickly respond. Sometimes we lack the courage of faith. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own and ask that you help us to live under your commandments. Forgive us when we stray from the truth you deliver and please increase our trust in you. We give you thanks. Amen.**

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## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Jesus is with us always by way of the Holy Spirit. With authority, the God of the Trinity commissions us to service; with redeeming love we are set aright when we fall. All who humbly approach God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one Divine Being, seeking forgiveness for sin can live with assurance because Christ Jesus died for us all. Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #35

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** Cassie Miller  
**"Dayenu: It Would Have Been Enough"**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS**  
Cathy Leonard  
Recipients: **Laurel Feindel**  
**Kate Forst**

## **NAMING OUR GRADUATES**

### **COVENANT OF SUPPORT**

One: When one is baptized into our faith community, we covenant with God by saying:  
**All: we promise our love, support, and care.**

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One: When anyone is confirmed, we covenant with God by saying:

**All: we promise our friendship and prayers.**

One: When new members join our faith community, we covenant with God by saying:

**All: we promise to grow together in God's knowledge and love.**

One: We remember that

**All: these promises never end:**

One: we will support the families as their graduates enter this new chapter of their lives,

**All: we promise with the help of God;**

One: we will hold these graduates in our hearts as they continue along with their faith journeys: questioning, learning, and growing,

**All: we promise, with the help of God. Amen.**

## **ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** Senior Choir  
***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Lee Carman  
*(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman for the one-room schoolhouse Summer L.I.G.H.T. program: Learning in God's House Together.)*

### **NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #110  
**John 16:12-15**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Joanne  
**"So Much More"**

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #14

### ***Womb of Life, and Source of Being***

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, one-in-three, and three-  
in-one.

We would share your life, your passion, share your word of  
world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

## **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

***This Is My Father's World***

## **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,*

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*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 #46

***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Loving God, you call us to mission and call us to use our  
God-given gifts. You equip us to serve you; you care for all  
our needs. These gifts that we offer are but a portion of the  
treasure you heap upon us. May the work that we do be  
worthy of your name. Amen.**

## **GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #254

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

**UNISON BENEDICTION**

**All: Let us go out into the world renewed and protected by  
our God of the Trinity – three persons in one Holy Being.  
God is our breath of life, our strength, and gives us the  
power of love. We are sent forth as God's bold apostles to  
God's people in every place. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

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**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR A CUTE TRIBUTE FOR  
FATHER'S DAY** (God gives us a sense of humor in God's  
image which means God has a sense of humor also.)

***We're the Men***



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