

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 22, 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 AFTER PENTECOST 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**

\*All who are able, please stand.

## GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

adapted from **Chalice Hymnal #241**

One: We gather this morning to discern the voice of God.

**All: We open our hearts and minds to God with joy.**

One: We gather this morning knowing that God will  
strengthen our inner Spirit and clear our sight.

**All: We open our hearts and minds to God with joy.**

One: We gather this morning in calmness and stillness to  
be filled with God’s peace.

**All: We open our hearts and minds to God with joy.**

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

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

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #241

***Holy Spirit, Truth Divine***

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Eternal God, we ask that you breathe upon us the  
refreshing breath of your Holy Spirit, our Advocate,  
Helper, and Friend and forgive us of our wrongdoing.  
You taught us to love our neighbor as we love  
ourselves, yet sometimes we disregard those  
neighbors. At times we bolster our own egos at others’  
expense. We look the other way when slander, rumors,  
and gossip are rampant. We ask, Loving God, that you  
help us to stop these negative ways so that we can  
truly live into your command for us to love our  
neighbor. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Let us remember that, on our behalf, God’s  
saving graciousness has been freely given to us through  
Christ Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Through the Holy

\*All who are able, please stand.

Spirit of God that surrounds us and is within us, God offers us new life at every moment, forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. Therein lies our assurance of pardon. 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**

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Julie LaRocca

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "The Box" 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.)

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Large Print Pew Bible OT p #326  
**1 Kings 19:1-15a**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Joanne  
**"Never Give Up: Keep Fighting the Good Fight of Faith"**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #264  
***Where the Spirit of the Lord Is***

\*All who are able, please stand.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.

There is comfort in life's darkest hour,  
there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit,  
in the Spirit of the Lord.

**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 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 #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: Eternal God of Salvation, you give us love that endures forever. You bless us with abundant gifts and kindness. Our lives with your surrounding love are like a banquet that always has available food and drink.**

**What we offer in return is but a portion of what you have given, but we offer it with love, joy, and thanksgiving. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #581

***Near to the Heart of God***

**UNISON BENEDICTION**

**All: As we go about living our lives this week, we will remember that the Holy Spirit surrounds us and is within us and that Jesus, our Redeemer, has been sent to us from the heart of God. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca



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