

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RETURN OF OUR TELOSians FROM THEIR MISSION TRIP (TEENS EXPERIENCE LIVING OUT THE STORY)

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

Medley: (To honor the memory of Nora Chapman) ***Send in the Clowns, Memories*** from ***Cats***, ***All I Ask of You*** from ***Phantom of the Opera***

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #595

One: We gather this morning to praise your name God, to welcome our TELOSian youth group back from their mission trip, and to honor their work done in your name.

All: We gladly sing to God who is always in our heart and soul.

One: We give thanks to God who gives us strength, wisdom, and surrounds us with unconditional love throughout our journey of life.

**All: We gladly give thanks to God whose presence with us gives us Lifegiving Light.
We shall worship God with thanksgiving and joy.**

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #595

Be Thou My Vision

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God of Salvation, we know you are kind and just in the deliverance of your people. You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy our egos.

Through Christ Jesus, we learned about your graciousness and the example we should follow, but still we practice greed all too often. Our dear God, we praise you with our lips, yet we sometimes forget to honor you in our everyday lives. We know that to live by your graciousness promises us inheritance of new life. Please help us to follow your “Way for Living” so that we may be worthy to be called righteous in your name through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God never abandons us! In the resurrection we are not only promised eternal life with God, but also the assurance that we can have an intimate relationship with God every day of our lives. Just as summer has blossomed forth, we are also promised new life in Christ Jesus. Because of God's graciousness, we may have the gift of renewal and transformation every moment of our lives. A wonderful blessing indeed. 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 Lenora Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "The Box" Pastor Joanne

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:5

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

MESSAGE GIVEN BY OUR TELOSAINS, LEADERS, AND CHAPERONES

The theme for the mission week, *Love the Lord Your God*, was based on the above Scripture.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #259

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

OFFERING: *Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God*

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

The Green Cathedral

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

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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 and Eternal God, we have received abundant gifts from you. We show our thanksgiving by giving back to you from that abundance. We ask that you make us mindful of how these gifts are helping those who are in need and those who are hurting. Please help us to continue to fulfill your mission in the world gladly and with loving kindness. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #452

Here I Am, Lord

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #452

One: Our God of creation has called upon us to go out into the world and spread the God-Light through Christ Jesus.

All: Here we are, Lord, your faith community looking forward to continuing to heed your call to spread your Light.

One: When we go from our worship here, let us carry the example of our TELOSians with us and be a bridge of caring that will help to connect all the people we meet in love.

**All who are able, please stand.*

All: We go into the world refreshed and renewed. We will remember that the Holy Spirit which gives us wisdom and love will help us in our mission work as we bring hope and joy to others. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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