

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 3, 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

### **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **SUMMER L.I.G.H.T. PROGRAM FOR OUR CHILDREN:**

### **LEARNING IN GOD’S HOUSE TOGETHER**

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Our church welcomes to Communion all people of all ages who desire to learn about Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)*

*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 Psalm 146

One: Let us praise the Lord! Let us praise the Lord from the depths of our soul!

**All: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our lives long.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth and all that is in them.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, for all generations. We shall praise God and are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!**

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

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #587

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** God of Hope, we ask that you renew a right spirit within us. We pray this as much chaos is swirling around us in the world. Hostility rages between and among people and nations, and battles continue; warfare goes on and lives continue to be lost. Rather than remain silent, we know we are called to help in whatever way we are able. Please help us to listen for your “Call to Action.” We have been taught to love all people, yet we pick and choose and sometimes ignore those who are marginalized and oppressed. We ask that you help us continue to create the new order that Christ Jesus wants here on earth. Amen.

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

**Pastor:** The Apostle Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to

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God's unconditional love for us. In Christ Jesus, God calls us, and God helps us to learn through Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in God's promise that as Christians, in Christ Jesus we 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** Becky Hinckley

**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.)*

**NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #74  
**Luke 12:13-21**

**REFLECTION** Pastor Joanne  
**"That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God."**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #588 (vs. 2)

\*All who are able, please stand.

***Have Thine Own Way, Lord!***

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

**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**

*(Children will rejoin the congregation at this time.)*

**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*

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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: Eternal God of Blessings, we surround ourselves with your love as we dwell in your graciousness. Whatever good we do, we owe to your power that works within us. The work of our hands is a gift of your love. We ask that you nourish our endeavors with your sustaining Spirit as we continue your work here on earth. Amen.**



### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Communion Hymn** Chalice Hymnal #404

***A Hymn of Joy We Sing***

**The Invitation to the Table**

**A Responsive Communion Liturgy**

Pastor: Called to the table, to share the wine and bread,

“I want you to remember me,” Jesus softly said.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: We think about the mystery – the words that Jesus said, and how he gave his life for us as we break the bread.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: Gathered at the table, God’s Spirit in the air,

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

We drink the cup of blessing, the bread of life we share.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: Together in communion, one family – young and old, we celebrate together, as ancient words are told.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: There’s room at the table, no matter how we feel, Jesus reaches out to us in this holy meal.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: We rise from the table, forgiven, loved, and free. We leave to be the people who God calls us to be.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

Pastor: Gathered at the table, surrounded by God’s grace, We are one Christian family, in every time and place.

**All: Come, Come to the table.**

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**Unison Prayer of Consecration**

**All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community. We are honored and blessed to share this Holy Meal in the manner of the saints who have preceded us for many generations. We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Loving God, we ask you to consecrate these gifts of bread and the cup, and to bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may come to know you more fully, and to live as one body in Christ Jesus. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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## The Words of Institution

### Call to the Meal

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Partake in this holy meal for all things are ready.

**All: We are blessed by and take in these gifts of God remembering that Christ Jesus died, was raised for us, and ascended to eternity.**

## The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Loving God, we give thanks to you for blessing us with this life-giving Communion meal. We are grateful that you love us unconditionally. We listen to hear your words spoken to us, realizing those words are sometimes shouted, sometimes whispered, and sometimes given to us in unusual ways and places as we seek spiritual renewal throughout our lives. We are grateful for community and Communion together that energizes us for the call to continue your ministry through Christ Jesus. We thank you for the knowledge and the wisdom we have acquired here! Please let it be your will that what was learned will strengthen our minds and bodies for the fulfillment of our souls. We are blessed and give thanks that you guide us in many ways in all that we do. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.**

### GOING WITH THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #560  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

## BENEDICTION

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## EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

### POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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