

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 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



ELEVENTH 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

Robin Miller

Fairest Lord Jesus

WELCOME

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 71:1-6 (NRSV)

One: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

One: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

All: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

One: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

All: From my birth, I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #214

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, through you Christ Jesus is our hope, joy and salvation; we thank you for such a great blessing. We worship here in this sacred space seeking to be cleansed of any wrongdoings. We confess that sometimes there are other things that we worship, instead of worshipping you alone. Life makes its demands on us and we push you to the margins when we do not intend to do that. Forgive us please for sometimes having small minds and mistaken priorities. We ask that you restore in us the sense of your

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greatness and your ultimate claim upon our lives. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us hear with gratitude from God's Word that Christ Jesus ushers us into God's Kingdom both here on earth and upon our death. Jesus, who taught us about the New Covenant, ushers us into God's eternal dominion. By his own blood Christ Jesus closed any distance between us and God. By Christ Jesus' sacrifice he offers union with God to all who have faith, even faith as tiny as a mustard seed. Through Christ Jesus we have the assurance that we are forgiven by God and are washed clean. 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

Dave Robert

"Aria"

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.)

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NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #76
Luke 13:10-17

REFLECTION

Pastor Joanne

"Untied and Led"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #578 (vs. 1)

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
every hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

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

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Offertory Robin Miller
Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

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 #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 Life and Light, we go out to serve you wherever Christ Jesus calls us to be. We ask that you bless our efforts to make his name and his love known. Please help us to be wise and knowledgeable as we use our gifts in mission. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #73
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: We just sang that the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

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All: We will go out refreshed from our worship time and use God's Word in everything we do and in everyplace we travel. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Robin Miller

The Heavens Are Telling



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