

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 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



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP CHURCH-WIDE PROGRAM DURING SOCIAL HOUR

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 #610

One: We have come together this morning to give ourselves to God through Christ Jesus.

All: We give Jesus our faithfulness in answer to his call to follow.

One: We gather our strength through Jesus and in company with one another.

All: We give thanks for the Light of Christ Jesus and will use that Light to bring others to God.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #610

Living for Jesus

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, in spite of straying from “Your Right Way for Living,” Christ Jesus calls us to ministry.

Christ Jesus is patient and loving because he reflects your nature. At times we are impatient and unkind to our neighbors; we discriminate against them and persecute them. At those times, we are not deserving of the trust you place in us. We confess our wrongdoing and pray for your forgiveness. Through Jesus and his promises, we know you will cleanse us of any wrongdoing. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Through Christ Jesus’ sacrifice and mercy on our behalf, we have been born anew into a life of hope, ourselves becoming an example of God’s patience, love,

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and trust. As it says in 1 Timothy 1:17: “To our Eternal God, immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always.” 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

Senior Choir

Blessed Are They

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children and teachers will be dismissed for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #79

Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“The Schemer”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #612 (vs. 3)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,

*All who are able, please stand.

above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

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.

CHORAL 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, we offer what we have, and we offer ourselves to you with thanksgiving for so many blessings. Please accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to love you with our whole being. We are dedicated to serving you in mission wherever we travel on our life journey. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #480

I Love to Tell the Story

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Brothers and Sisters in Faith, go out into the world and share the Good News that Jesus goes with us everywhere and helps us to live according to God's Righteousness.

All: We will spread the gladness of God's Good News through Christ Jesus wherever we go. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

[†] Please feel free to change wording referring to God to whatever language supports your faith.



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