

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 28, 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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 #25

One: We gather to praise God who rules all creation.

All: We join together in glad adoration.

One: We gather to praise God who uplifts, protects and sustains us.

All: God’s goodness, mercy, and unconditional love is with us always.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #25 (vv. 1,2, 3, 5)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Creation, by your word the heavens were made; your loving kindness fills the whole earth. Even knowing all this, at times when we are put to the test we do not quickly respond. We confess commitment yet we confuse your will with our own. We seek security and all too often turn to devices that we control. Jesus proclaimed your commandments and your Word as the course we should take for Righteousness. We ask that you forgive us when we deviate from the truth you deliver and help us every day to strive toward your Righteousness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Cassie: The apostle Paul reminds us how we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection

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like his.” In Christ Jesus we may live anew, with the assurance that in him 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 Senior Choir

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lee Carman
(*Children and teachers will be dismissed for Church School.*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth ...”

Psalms 24:1-2

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:2

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”

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MESSAGE

Cassie Miller

“A Message about Stewardship”

1 Peter 4:10-11

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #25 (vs. 4)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o’er 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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

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

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

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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: Gracious God, we give thanks that we are in ministry with sisters and brothers throughout the world. We seek to answer Christ Jesus' call. We ask that you help us use these gifts that we offer to enhance our work to your glory. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Let us go from here and, by example, show the love of God to all whom we meet.

All: We shall remember that Christ Jesus is compassionate and shows unconditional and unbounded love to everyone.

One: Let us praise and pray and give thanksgiving for God's perfect love.

*All who are able, please stand.

**All: We shall spread God's peace, hope, joy, and love.
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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