

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 5, 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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 Psalm 95:1-6

One: Come let us shout joyfully to the Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation.

All: Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout triumphantly to Him in song.

One: For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all Gods

All: Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #635

Faith of our Fathers

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God today we come before you acknowledging our weaknesses and failures. We often do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition; we judge and condemn, we cast the first stone but keep the logs in our own eyes; we do not turn to you as the source of our strength and healing. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Irene: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

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you will be saved. For it is with you heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:9-11, 13

***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 will join Lee Carman for One-Room Schoolhouse.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #

Luke 17:5:10

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MESSAGE

Irene Mosher

“Faith to Change”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

He cannot forget me, though trials beset me,
Forever His promise shall stand,
He cannot forget me, though trials beset me
My name’s in the palm of His hand.

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

(Children have rejoined the congregation at this time.)

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: Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome and justice. So increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve – with humility, joy and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of Christ our Lord who came to serve, we pray. Amen



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #272

The Church's One Foundation

*All who are able, please stand.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Irene: Loving God, on this Sunday as people from all over the world gather at your table, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ Jesus might be one in your Spirit. Knead us together into one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in prayer with all our sisters and brothers worldwide. Let us “drink in God’s Love” from the cup as a united family of worldwide Christians. Let us be tolerant and appreciative of one another’s faith traditions. Our Communion Table here at Ellington Congregational Church is open to all, no matter who we are, where we are on life’s journey, what we believe, or where we are on our spiritual journey. When God leads God’s children to this table, they will be served.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Irene: Gathering around the Table as we celebrate new life being born, we remember many stories shared around tables; tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, and reshaped.

All: Thanks be to God!

Irene: Gathering around the Table, it is a blessing to remember the story of the Holy One, the Sacred Spirit, daring to share our life and the Light of God. It is the story of the Holy One, the Sacred One, donning human flesh and dwelling among us; a story that is at once both of heaven and of earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

Irene: Gathering around the Table now, we break the bread and remember this paradox: it is in our brokenness that we become whole. We also fill this cup and

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remember the abundance we each discover when we share our sacred stories.

All: Thanks be to God!

Irene: Together, around the Table, we pray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize the Spirit rising in our midst; indeed, in one another. Holy Spirit, thank you for coming to us. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Loving God, you have been present with us throughout our service and have renewed and transformed us with this sacred meal. We give you thanks! We will strive to remember whose we are at all times. When we gather at other tables with friends, loved ones, and perhaps strangers, we will know that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit are with us there as well as here. We will go from here fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.



GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #618

How Firm A Foundation

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UNISON BENEDICTION

Come to us now Lord as we speak to thee in prayer
Go with us now Lord, keep us ever in thy care,
Serving thee gladly and lifting up thy name,
We go forth in joy thy goodness to proclaim. Amen

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EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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