

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 12, 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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WEEKS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY AND COLUMBUS DAY:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

SOGIE EVENT AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE 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 Psalm 66:1-5, 12

One: Let us make a joyful noise to God; let us sing the glory of God’s name and give glorious praise to God.

All: We shall say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

One: Come and see God’s deeds: God is awesome in God’s deeds among mortals.

All: No matter our trials, you, O God, have brought us out to a spacious place.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #86

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Graciousness, we stand in need of your forgiveness. At times we become tangled in the web of love of money and the desire for earthly goods. When that happens, enough does not satisfy us. We become prosperous in our own eyes and poor in your sight. We ask that you help us to remember that stewardship is all about discipleship as taught to us by Christ Jesus. Also, we pray that you will help us remember that when we share our goods, time, creativity, and wealth with others, we will have a new understanding of service in your name. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Ephesians 3:16-18 tells us: "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." With the fullness of God comes the assurance that God forgives all our sin. 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

Come To The Water

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
(Children will be dismissed for One-Room Schoolhouse.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible OT p. #731
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

MESSAGE Pastor Joanne

"A New Reality"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #585 (vs. 1)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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

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,*

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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: Our Loving God in whom we live and breathe and have our being, we are blessed to put our trust in you. You are our source of hope and guidance. We return but a portion of what we have received from you; thanks to your teachings through Christ Jesus, our awareness of giving in many and new ways grows day by day. Please help us to use these gifts given today so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #586
Open My Eyes, That I May See

UNISON BENEDICTION

All: We shall go from here with open eyes, open ears, and open hearts ready to do God's work in the world. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Julie LaRocca

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



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