

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 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 our 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

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: 1:00 PM**

*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 119 (The **Message** Bible)

One: God blesses us when we stay on course and walk
steadily on the road revealed by God.

**All: We are indeed blessed when we follow God’s
directions and do our best to find God.**

One: We gather together in this sacred space to learn and
grow so our steps might be steady. We shall keep
to the course God has set for us.

**All: Loving God, we give you thanks. We are blessed
to worship you with joy!**

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #545

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Love, you lead us with compassion. We ask
that with the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to
guide us, we will be filled anew so that we may
faithfully live according to your recipe for the “Right
Way for Living” – your Righteousness. Please cleanse
our thoughts from resentment, anger, and selfish
desires. In this way we will be free to respond to carry
out your ministry in the world. We ask this in the name
of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Please hear the words of the Apostle Paul in
Philippians 2:9 when Paul writes that “God has bestowed
on Christ Jesus the place of highest honor and has given
him the name above all other names ...” As we make our
confession, we have the assurance that Christ Jesus

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intercedes on our behalf. We are forgiven and renewed.
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
Grace and Peace to You

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Large Print Pew Bible OT p #735
Jeremiah 31:27-34

MESSAGE Pastor Joanne
"Steward Of A Covenant Heart"

RECEIVING AND CONSECRATING OUR PLEDGES
BEGINNING PRAYER Psalm 95:1-7
Congregation:
Come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

*All who are able, please stand.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
For the LORD is a great God,
a great King above all gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the mightiest mountains.
The sea belongs to him, for he made it.
His hands formed the dry land, too.
Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,
for he is our God.
We are the people he watches over,
the flock under his care. Amen.

ENDING WORDS

Congregation: We pray this in Christ Jesus' name.
Amen.

(Directions will be given for the congregation to come
forward to either put a pledge card in the offering plate or
to touch the plate.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #601 (vs. 3)

I Am Thine, O Lord

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I
spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune
as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where
thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy
precious, bleeding side.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

*All who are able, please stand.

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,
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

*All who are able, please stand.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: God of Goodness, you bind up the wounds of the
afflicted. We come with thanksgiving for your
boundless acts of kindness. We give our offerings with
joy. We ask that you guide us in using these offerings to
help the suffering, to shelter the homeless, and to
comfort the lonely. We freely give what we have in the
name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #601 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

I Am Thine, O Lord

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #601

**One: With the cross before us and through God's
graciousness, we have been consecrated to carry
forward God's mission for the world.**

**All: We will go from here with God's covenant
written upon our hearts. Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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