

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 26, 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING LARGE/SMALL GROUP EVENT
AFTER SOCIAL HOUR**

*As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the
spirit of worship and prayer.*

PRELUDE

Senior Bell Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing?

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 65 (*Common English Bible*)

One: God of All Creation, to you even silence is praise.

Promises made to you are kept – you listen to
prayer – and all living things come to you.

**All: When wrongdoings become too much for us, you
forgive our sins.**

One: We are filled full by the goodness of your house, by
the holiness of your sanctuary.

**All: You crown the year with your goodness; your
paths overflow with rich food.**

One: The hills are dressed in pure joy; the meadowlands
are covered with flocks and the valleys decked out
in grain.

**All: Everything shouts for joy. Everything breaks out in
song.**

**Loving God, we give you thanks. We are blessed to
gather in worship!**

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #540

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Our Redeemer God, we come to you to confess
that at times we have failed in our ministry to others.**

**We listen for teachings of our own liking; we listen for
doctrines that boost our egos. At times, we follow
those who flatter us. Loving God, we ask that you
renew a right spirit within us and train us in your “Right
Way for Living” as you forgive our sins. We pray this in
Christ Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in 2 Timothy 3:14-16 we learn this: "But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." The truth in the Scripture stands. In Christ Jesus 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

Pray for Peace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

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

*All who are able, please stand.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #213

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"An All-Encompassing Love for Us"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #499 (vs. 4)

When Love Is Found

When love is torn, and trust betrayed, pray strength to
love till torments fade, till lovers keep no score of wrong,
but hear through pain, love's Easter song.

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

*All who are able, please stand.

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: Eternal God, source of all goodness, power, and strength, we come with our gifts in response to your love. You pour out your goodness; we bring you thanksgiving. You infuse us with power; we offer the fruits of our labor. You sustain us with strength; all that we do we dedicate to your glory. We ask that you bless our endeavors and help us to use these gifts wisely to do your ministry and mission in the world. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #499 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

When Love Is Found

*All who are able, please stand.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #499

One: Let us always remember that God's love through Christ Jesus always surrounds us and gives us hope to face anything that happens in our lives.

All: We will continue to praise God for love, life, and salvation. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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