

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 2, 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ALL SAINTS DAY: NOVEMBER 1

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Our church welcomes to Communion all people of all ages who desire to follow God through Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

One: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

One: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

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

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Holy Spirit who renews us: we ask that you hear our confession. At times we hide from you when we know we should heed you. There are also times when we hear your voice, but do not listen; we go our own way without knowing the fulness of your graciousness. Please help us to realize this hinders us from being as faithful as we could be. We claim that others mislead us when we stray from your teachings, but it is our own

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doing. Loving God, we ask for your mercy and ask that you will grant us forgiveness so that we may renewed and rest in your peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In Hebrews 5:7-9, we are reminded: "While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the One who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of Jesus' deep reverence for God. Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." In God through 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

How Beautiful

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed with Lee Carman for One-Room Schoolhouse.)

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NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #205
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"God Will Strengthen Our Understanding"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #353 (vs. 1)

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Come to me, O weary traveler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened;
come to me and find your rest.

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

(Children have rejoined the congregation at this time.)

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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 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 and Loving God, treasures lose their luster and riches are easily spent, but your kingdom endures forever. We approach you knowing your unconditional love for our lives. You give us assurance of your abiding presence. You provide us with confidence as we follow Christ's call to discipleship and stewardship. We ask that you accept the gifts we offer so that we may work in mission to carry your Word and ministry everywhere we travel. Amen.



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #425

Let Us Break Bread Together

The Invitation to the Table

A Responsive Communion Liturgy

Pastor: Called to the table, to share the wine and bread,
"I want you to remember me," Jesus softly said.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: We think about the mystery – the words that Jesus said, and how he gave his life for us as we break the bread.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: Gathered at the table, God's Spirit in the air,
We drink the cup of blessing, the bread of life we share.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: Together in communion, one family – young and old, we celebrate together, as ancient words are told.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: There's room at the table, no matter how we feel,
Jesus reaches out to us in this holy meal.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: We rise from the table, forgiven, loved, and free.
We leave to be the people who God calls us to be.

All: Come, Come to the table.

Pastor: Gathered at the table, surrounded by God's grace,
We are one Christian family, in every time and place.

All: Come, Come to the table.

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Unison Prayer of Consecration

All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community. We are honored and blessed to share this Holy Meal in the manner of the saints who have preceded us for many generations. We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Loving God, we ask you to consecrate these gifts of bread and the cup, and to bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may come to know you more fully, and to live as one body in Christ Jesus. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Call to the Meal

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Partake in this holy meal for all things are ready.

All: We are blessed by and take in these gifts of God remembering that Christ Jesus died, was raised for us, and ascended to eternity.

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Loving God, we give thanks to you for blessing us with this life-giving Communion meal. We are grateful that you love us unconditionally. We listen to hear your words spoken to us, realizing those words are sometimes shouted, sometimes whispered, and

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sometimes given to us in unusual ways and places as we seek spiritual renewal throughout our lives. We are grateful for community and Communion together that energizes us for the call to continue your ministry through Christ Jesus. We thank you for the knowledge and the wisdom we have acquired here! Please let it be your will that what was learned will strengthen our minds and bodies for the fulfillment of our souls. We are blessed and give thanks that you guide us in many ways in all that we do. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.



GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #495 (2x)
Weave

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #495

One: Loving God, we give you thanks that in this sacred space we are able to experience unity and love through your graciousness.

All: We will strive to take this unity made possible by your love out into the world and nurture peace on earth. 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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