

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 9, 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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RIVER ROCKS DEDICATION

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

PRELUDE

Dave Robert

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

WELCOME

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

One: We will lift you up high, our God and King, and bless
your name forever and always. .

**All: Every day we will bless and praise your name
forever and ever.**

One: The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! God’s
greatness can’t be grasped.

**All: One generation will praise your works to the next
generation, proclaiming your mighty acts.**

One: The Lord is righteous in all his ways, faithful in all his
deeds.

**All: Our mouths will proclaim the Lord’s praise, and
every living thing will bless God’s holy name
forever and always.**

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

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Righteousness, you are the hope and joy of
creation. We ask that you forgive us when we harm our
earth, other humans, and all living things that inhabit
the earth. Help us, through Christ Jesus to be better
followers of your Word. Please let the glory of your
might brace up our actions as your disciples. We have
faith and know that you will look upon us with
unconditional love as we do our best in your name.
Amen.**

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter one, verses eleven and twelve we read: "So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ." Brothers and Sisters, wherever you are on your faith journey, be assured that through Christ Jesus, our sins 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

A Joyful Call to Praise

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



*All who are able, please stand.

RIVER ROCKS DEDICATION

William Senk, son by Bill and Sharon Senk

Nora Chapman by the "Nickel Ladies"

Words of Explanation

Unison Prayer

All: Loving and Eternal God, you are our God and we are your people. You surround us with love through our joys and celebrations, as well as our difficult, challenging, and painful times in life. We give thanks for each one of the people who have been remembered or honored, named, and dedicated to you by way of the beautiful river rocks in ECC's Memorial Garden. May their lives inspire and encourage us. Amen.



NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #84

Luke 20:27-38

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Get His Credentials!"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #545 (vs. 2)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

*All who are able, please stand.

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 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: Saving and Loving God, cleansed by your
generosity and kindness, sustained by your
graciousness, and led by your righteousness, we come
before you to offer our gifts. We ask that you bless
them and, in our stewardship and discipleship, help us
to use these gifts wisely for your purposes here on
earth. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #33

How Great Thou Art

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #33

One: Let us go out into the world knowing that God's love
and power is within us.

All: **Our hearts and souls will continue to sing of
God's greatness! 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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