

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

10:00 A.M.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD CHAIRS AND
MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS, AND GROUP
CHAIRS FOR 2026
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Our church welcomes to Communion all people of all ages
who desire to follow Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)**

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD CHAIRS AND
MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS, AND GROUP
CHAIRS FOR 2026**

Presentation

Leader: The people who are accepting positions on Boards, Committees, and Groups have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have responded to God's call and we are witnesses to their willingness and dedication to serve.

Covenant

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Individuals: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ Jesus?

Individuals: I do, relying on God's graciousness.

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

All: Each one of us covenants to be partners with you in the service of Christ Jesus. We promise you our Christian love, we promise to honor your leadership, and we promise to assist you so that we may be a faithful church of God through Christ Jesus.

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted this community of faith to our care and keeping. In order to do that, you have called these people to serve you here at Ellington Congregational Church, the wider community, and the world. Please make them aware that your Holy Spirit is always with them to help them as they serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties so that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ Jesus' ministry to the glory of your name.

All: Amen.

Declaration

Leader: In the name of Christ Jesus, and on behalf of the people of Ellington Congregation Church, United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce that you are installed in your respective positions as leaders of this church.

All: Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #425

Let Us Break Bread Together

The Invitation to the Table

The Communion Prayer

Leader: Gathering around the Table as we celebrate new life being born, we remember many stories shared around tables; tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, and reshaped.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Gathering around the Table, it is a blessing to remember the story of the Holy One, the Sacred Spirit, daring to share our life and the Light of God. It is the story of the Holy One, the Sacred One, donning human flesh and dwelling among us; a story that is at once both of heaven and of earth.

All: Glory be to God in the highest!

Leader: Gathering around the Table now, we break the bread and remember this paradox: it is in our brokenness that we become whole. We also fill this cup and remember the abundance we each discover when we share our sacred stories.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Together, around the Table, we pray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize the Spirit rising in our midst; indeed, in one another. Holy Spirit, thank you for coming to us. Amen.

The Distribution of the Elements

The Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Loving God, you have been present with us throughout our service and have renewed and transformed us with this sacred meal. We give you thanks! We will strive to remember whose we are at all times. When we gather at other tables with friends, loved ones, and perhaps strangers, we will know that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit are with us there as well as here. We will go from here fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.



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