

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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 and place it in the offering plate during the 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



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 138:1-6, 8b (NIV)

One: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

All: When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

One: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

All: May they sing the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

One: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

All: Your love, Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

It is a blessing to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN Chalice Hymnal #102 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God of Salvation, through Christ Jesus you have shown us how to fight for justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you in righteousness. More often than we would like to admit, we do not fight injustice as we should. We know, loving God, that there are too many who are hungry, too many who are oppressed for trying to be who you created them to be,

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and too much happening to destroy the earth. We ask that you deliver us from our times of weakness, let your light shine out to others through us, and fill us with your splendor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The assurance of our forgiveness lies in Christ Jesus. In Philippians, chapter 2 we read, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness." Today, Christ Jesus intercedes and kneels before God on behalf of human weakness. Therein lies our assurance that 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**

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Senior Choir
Shepherd, Savior, Lord

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(*Children will be dismissed with Lee for One-Room Church School.*)

Lee Carman

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #18
Matthew 17:1-9

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Have You Had A Mountaintop Experience?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #102 (vs. 3)
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

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

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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 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, you give us wisdom and guide our actions. May the fruits of our actions in your name nourish others. May the wisdom you give us help us to lead others to you in Christ Jesus' name. We have received an abundance of your graciousness and kindness. We ask that you accept our offerings as we go into the world to do your mission in servant-discipleship. We praise your name in all that we accomplish. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #673

Down by the Riverside

UNISON BENEDICTION

All: When we keep Jesus in the boat of life, we will continue to be faithful, faith-filled, and filled with God's peace and love. 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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