

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 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 found in the pew rack 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



PALM PASSION SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

INTROIT

Senior Choir

The Palms

WELCOME

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Go to the village ahead of you, you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it to me.

All: Why are you doing this?

One: The Lord needs it and will send it back shortly.

All: See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey.

One: They approached Jerusalem.

All: Rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works done!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

“The Triumphal Entry”

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Blessed is the king of Israel!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE AND LOVE OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS**

In Anticipation

Junior Bell Choir

“Cleansing the Temple”

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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 #200 (vs. 3)

What Wondrous Love is This

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!**

**To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing,**

while millions join the theme, I will sing!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“Teaching at the Temple”

In the Name of the Lord

Adam Geiger, Becky Hinckley, Julie LaRocca, Matt Ramos

“Remember Me”

HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #214

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*All who are able, please stand.

“In the Garden”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, Giver of Grace, you sent your Son, Jesus, to walk among us and demonstrate Your love for all through his actions. We confess that at times, we have strayed from following Jesus’ example of the Right Way for Living. We easily see the beauty or ugliness elsewhere, but not in ourselves. Help us to acknowledge our own faults and guide us to do better. During this season of repentance, we often focus on the celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem yet avoid the unpleasant details leading to his crucifixion. Forgive our languid approach to your sacrifice for all people. Have mercy on us and help us always seek your guidance. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

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.**

At the Cross

Senior Choir

“The Arrest and Trial”

*All who are able, please stand.

One: Who do you want me to release?

ALL: Barabbas!

One: What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?

ALL: Crucify him!

One: Why? What crime has he committed?

ALL: Crucify him!

One: Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.

ALL: Crucify him! Crucify him!

“The Verdict”

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

You Do Not Walk Alone

Adam Geiger, Becky Hinckley, Julie LaRocca, Matt Ramos

In anticipation of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve this coming week – Holy Week – we ask that you exit the Sanctuary silently until you enter the Social Room for our time of fellowship, Easter Egg Decorating, and Palm Cross Folding.

~Please feel free to change wording referring to God to whatever language supports your faith.



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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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