

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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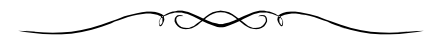
10:00 A.M.

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Chalice Hymnal # 233

One: Alleluia! We continue to praise Christ Jesus and to celebrate the Resurrection.

All: We gladly gather to sing our Alleluias to Christ Jesus.

One: During this Eastertide and beyond we cherish the promise from Jesus: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

All: We will continue to crown Jesus as the Lord of Life, the Lord of Peace, the Lord of Justice, and the Lord of Love.

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

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Love, Peace, and Justice, we long to find peace of spirit amid life's struggles. We desire harmony in our families, in our faith community, and in all our relationships. We pray for the day when each family everywhere might live in peace without fear and enjoy the fruits of your blessings. We pray for the day when there will be ecumenical and interfaith peace. Yet we confess that, sometimes we are not willing to take the non-aggressive steps toward peace as taught by Jesus and make the sacrifices which peace requires. We ask that you look upon us with kindness and mercy. Please help us to follow your "Right Way for Living" as demonstrated for us by

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**Jesus, the Christ. We pray this in Christ's name.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God of Infinite Love, every day you give us more blessings than we can count, and we are grateful. The greatest blessing you give to us is your Son, Jesus, the Christ. He is the source of healing, the giver of wholeness, and brings the Light from you that illumines our hearts and souls. Because of Jesus and his sacrifice, our sins have been and will always be forgiven! We give you thanks. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #224

Christ Arose! (Refrain)
***Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

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

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
(*Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee.*)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #115
John 20:19-31

*All who are able, please stand.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"What Happens Now?"

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #220 (vs. 6)

O Sons and Daughters, Sing Your Praise

"How blest are those who do not see
yet place their faith and trust in me.

They shall have life eternally."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Presentation of Offerings

*The Shopping Cart is used during the offering to collect
your gifts of food for Ellington and Tri-Town residents in*

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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 #218

Thine Is the Glory (refrain)

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Eternal God of Salvation who sent Christ Jesus, God with us, all that we have we acknowledge as a gift of your love. Entrusted by Jesus as stewards of your creation we come before you with the fruits of our labor. We ask that you accept these offerings as signs of our gratefulness and help us to use them wisely to continue your mission of love, peace, justice, and hope here on earth. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #234

Crown Him with Many Crowns

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Let us go from here and cherish the promise from Jesus: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

All: We will continue to crown Jesus as the Lord of Life, the Lord of Peace, the Lord of Justice, and the Lord of Love.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*All who are able, please stand.

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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



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