

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

**Celebrating Our Office Administrator for
Administrative Professionals Day, Wednesday, April 22
Celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday**

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

shared from the *Teachings of the Lakota*

One: Everything as it moves, now and then, here and there, makes pauses.

All: The bird as it flies stops on one place to make its nest, and in another to rest in its flight.

One: In the same way, God has paused as well.

All: The sun, which is so bright and beautiful, is one place where God has paused.

One: The moon, the stars, the winds; God has been with them, too.

All: The trees, the animals, are all places where God has stopped, leaving the touch of the Holy in all these things.

One: We, too, have had God pause in us. We, too, have the Holy touch our being.

All: Let us now pause ourselves and listen for the voice of God on our hearts.

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

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

(based on Luke 24:13-35)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, in our hearts we realize that you are the cause for our rejoicing and the source of our gladness. However, we know that we do not always show our thanks for those great blessings from you. Help us to understand that you give our feet firm places to step so that we can stay strong and spread

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your Righteousness wherever we travel. Help us to know that every day Christ Jesus is our refuge and strength. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We are blessed to have abundant life through Christ Jesus, who has been chosen and is precious in God's sight. We shall continue to declare the wonderful deeds and love of Christ Jesus who calls us out of darkness and into God's shining light that overcomes all darkness. We are truly blessed by God because through Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven. 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 Senior Choir

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

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p #90
Luke 24:13-35

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MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Praise for the One Who Walks Beside Us"

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #349 (vs. 1)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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

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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: Loving God, we bring our gifts to you in response to the love you give us. Christ is risen, indeed, and will abide with us always. May all that we do be in response to new life. Please receive what we offer and extend your graciousness through us so that others may experience your love. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #610
Living for Jesus

UNISON BLESSING
All: We shall go out from here, answer God's call through Christ Jesus, and spread God's Light and Love in all that we do. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Julie LaRocca

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



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