

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE)

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 98 (*Message Bible*)

One: We will sing to God a brand-new song because God has made a world of wonders.

All: God made history with salvation. God showed the world what God could do.

One: Let us all shout our praises to God! Let us round up an orchestra to play for God and add on a hundred voice choir.

**All: We will let loose and sing! We will fill the air with praises to God. All the earth will join in.
Halleluia!**

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #272 (w. 1-4)
The Church’s One Foundation

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

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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. Through Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #224 (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
Growing in God's Grace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee for One-Room Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON
Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #108
John 14:1-14

MESSAGE Pastor Joanne
"To Know Christ Jesus Is To Know God"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #272 (vs. 5)

The Church's One Foundation

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is
won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee.

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

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,*

*All who are able, please stand.

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: As Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Loving God, may we find in him the source of our strength. As we bring our gifts to you, we ask that you empower our hands to lift others to Christ Jesus. As we offer our praise, please place on our lips the Good News of your love. We ask that you accept all that we do in the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen.

(Children will rejoin the congregation at this time.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn Chalice Hymnal #425
Let Us Break Bread Together

The Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Consecration

All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community. We are honored and blessed to share this Holy Meal in the manner of the saints who have preceded us for many generations.

*All who are able, please stand.

We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Loving God, we ask you to consecrate these gifts of bread and the cup, and to bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may come to know you more fully, and to live as one body in Christ Jesus. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Call to the Meal

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Partake in this holy meal for all things are ready.

All: We are blessed by and take in these gifts of God remembering that Christ Jesus died, was raised for us, and ascended to eternity.

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God of Abundance, with this Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation you have united us with Christ Jesus, making us one with all your people. We give you thanks that you send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ Jesus, our teacher, example, friend, and savior. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #606
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*All who are able, please stand.

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

All: We are an Easter people who live for Jesus and do our best to live by Jesus' example in all that we do. As we leave here, we will strive this week and always to answer Jesus' call and to follow his leading wherever it takes us. Amen.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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