

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 10, 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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

*(Let us celebrate and honor the nurturing women who
have helped us throughout our lives.)*

*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 148

One: We praise God's universal glory! Praise the Lord
from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

**All: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise the Lord, all
his host!**

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you
shining stars!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord
commanded and they were created.**

One: Let all people praise the name of the Lord, for the
Lord's name alone is exalted; his glory is above
earth and heaven.

**All: The Lord has raised up a horn for all the faithful.
Praise the Lord!**

**We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and
joy!**

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #21

Let the Whole Creation Cry

(Psalm 148)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Eternal God, Maker of both the smallest that exists
and the largest that exists, you have spread a
wondrous universe before us to care for and explore.
Each day overflows with the richness of life: with
growing green and bursting blossoms, with
relationships which nurture and challenge, with**

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missions accomplished and justice to be done. Every day is full of your meaning. And yet, many times we do not see this. We complain of boredom when there is so much around us that we could be doing. Or we are so busy that we lose track of your presence and calling. Too often we scurry here and there without appreciation, delight, or much sense of purpose. We ask that you call us out of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love. Please move us toward you, Loving God, and toward one another in nurturing love and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Good News in Christ Jesus is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us and inviting us into the freshness of new beginnings. Let us continue to praise our God of Nurture, Graciousness, Peace, and Love. Sisters and Brothers in 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**

CELEBRATING ALL WOMEN

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ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Growing in God's Grace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee and teachers for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #109

John 14:15-21

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Life Beyond Easter Sunday Has Everything To Do With The Holy Spirit"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #576 (vs. 1)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior
divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

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,**

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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 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, your presence through Christ Jesus continues to guide us as we pursue the paths of your Righteousness and discipleship. All that we have is a gift of your graciousness. As we offer our gifts to you, please accept them as signs of our commitment to Christ Jesus. May all that we do be

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done with praise because of your blessed love for us.
Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

All: We have been filled with God's unconditional, all-encompassing love. We are grateful and will show and share that love in every aspect of our living. Amen.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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