

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 17, 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) ARMED FORCES DAY: May 16

*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 #612

One: We gather this morning to praise God through Christ
Jesus.

**All: We give thanks that Christ Jesus is our master,
friend, and savior.**

One: We gather to affirm that Christ Jesus is always with
us and will guide us by way of the Holy Spirit.

**All: We give thanks that Christ Jesus reassures us
and helps us to listen for God’s Word.**

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

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #612

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Caring and Compassionate Creator, we enter this
place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have
failed to see you in other places. Too often, we have
ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in
plants and creatures, in the people who surround us.
We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our
faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have,
rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these
moments together, draw us so close that we cannot
help but know every day that you are with us, wherever
we go. We ask that you increase our capacity to care,**

*All who are able, please stand.

so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: When we contemplate God's law, we learn of God's love and God's Right Way for Living. God's generous care protects all of us and the earth. When we gather to worship, sing and pray, we are made whole by God through the redeeming love of Jesus, the Christ. Because of this, we can be assured of God's forgiveness. 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**

A TRIBUTE FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Bless This House

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

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

*All who are able, please stand.

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #111

John 17:1-11

MESSAGE

Irene Mosher

"To Know and To Be Known"



RECEIVING AND WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sharell Mollison Mentoring Sponsor: Tammie Mangold

Frank Hammond Mentoring Sponsor: Dave Feindel

(please see bulletin insert)



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #614 (vs. 3)

I'm Gonna Live (Pray) So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anytime and anywhere

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anytime and anywhere.

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,

*All who are able, please stand.

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, 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, you send us into the world to spread the joy of new life. We ask that you accept our efforts and make them productive in fulfilling your Righteousness. Please enhance our gifts with the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let all that we do be done in faithfulness and with the love of Christ Jesus. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #610

Living for Jesus

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

All: We have joyously given praise to our God of all creation, power, love, and salvation. In discipleship we will proclaim God's power and story as we go about our daily lives. Our partnership with God through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit will sustain us on life's journey. We depart with joy in our hearts. Amen.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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Living for Jesus

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