

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 24, 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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Bell Choir

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

INTRIOT

Dave Robert

Ashokan Farewell

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Psalm 104

One: We gather here with God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; they are within us, surround us, and bind us together.

All: We will sing praises to our Triune God for as long as we live.

One: Let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.

All: “O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.”

One: May your glory, God, endure forever.

All: May our meditations today be pleasing to God as we rejoice in God through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #254

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Salvation, even with the new life that comes with springtime all around us, we still cling to old ways. We are an Easter people and know your promises to us, but we still seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Friend, and Helper to empower us to follow your *Right Way for Living*, yet

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the darkness of doubt sometimes scatters the new light the Spirit brings. We ask that you aid us to surrender ourselves to your help and to breathe in the surrounding love of Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God is a God of loving kindness and always hears our confession. In Christ Jesus, who gave us the Holy Spirit and taught us about the Holy Spirit, we know that we are not alone. Whenever we approach God with a desire for living waters to fill our souls, we know that God will, indeed, refresh us on our journey to do what is faithful and faith-filled. We will then be alive with the promise of God's guidance and care. Be assured that our sins are forgiven. We are renewed and refreshed. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #244 (vs. 1)

Loving Spirit

**Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your
sign on me.**

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

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Welcome to Grace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will remain in the Sanctuary for the Worship Service.)

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NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #100
John 7:37-39

MESSAGE

Joanne Myer

**“Oh Yes, This Is All Truly Wonderful and Wonder-
filled!”**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #245 (vs. 1)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit,
come.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Chalice Hymnal #240

Pentecost Prayer

**Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place
to pray, and to make ourselves ready for your coming.**

**Give us faith,
that when you come like the wind,
though we do not see you,
yet we may hear what you are saying to us and discern
your movement.**

**Give us courage, that we may not fear tongues of
flame:**

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let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned
from our lives.

May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and
love that strips away our sin.

Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring
may make its home with us:

truth to set us free

truth to guide us and inform us

truth to lead us in the way of your will.

Give us an open heart, Lord

that we may seek all people for your realm,
and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in
every place and in every generation.

Come, wind.

Come, fire.

Come, truth.

Come, love.

In Jesus' name. Amen

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

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OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Senior Choir

Angels Are Making Their Rounds

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 #253 (vs. 1)

Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness

Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;

pierce the clouds of nature's night;

come, O Source of joy and gladness,

breathe your life and spread your light.

From the height that knows no measure,

as a gracious shower descend,

bringing down the richest treasure we can wish,

or God can send.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Loving God, we praise you with many voices and we serve you in different ways according to our God-given gifts. We ask that you take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. Please weave these gifts that we bring into a whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your love as we

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announce with one voice your truth which sets us free.
We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

A RITE OF RELEASE FOR THE INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER

Leader: "Do you, the members of this congregation,
release Reverend Joanne Myer from the duties of
Intentional Interim Pastor?"

All: "We do, with God's help."

Leader: "Do you, Pastor Joanne, release this congregation
from depending on you?"

Joanne: "I do, with God's help."

Leader: "Speaking for all the members of Ellington
Congregational Church, we release you from
your duties here and wish you Godspeed."

All: Amen and Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #261 (2x)
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

All: Through Christ Jesus, God's breath and the living
waters of God will give us strength and renewal for our
journey. We will be empowered to follow *God's Right
Way for Living* as we travel life's journey. With God,
Christ, and Holy Spirit to help us, we will indeed find
our Pentecost; with hearts ablaze and fire in our souls,
we will spread God's Word of Hope, Love, Peace, and
Joy. Amen.

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THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Senior Choir

Irish Blessings

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

Toccata in D Minor, Bach

Dr. Charles Wasserman: cello

Dave Robert: violin

↑ *Please feel free to change wording referring to God to
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