

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 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



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**

One: To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

All: Listen to our voices and answer.

One: The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**All: God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.
So let us glorify God’s holy name together!**

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #558

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We come to worship God in love and faithfulness.

**God who knows all people and all possibilities,
you call us to follow you,
yet we prefer familiar paths.**

**You offer us new understanding,
yet change makes us uncomfortable.**

**You invite us into the fullness of life,
yet we often resist when the invitation comes with
challenge or disruption.**

**Forgive us, O God,
and make of us loving disciples ready to follow Jesus’
example.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: In Christ, we can work to transform relationships and envision a new future, guided by the Spirit of God. We can become a new creation!

*All who are able, please stand.

All: We trust that God loves us and forgives us. We will not be afraid to try a new way forward.

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

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Adam Geiger & Julie LaRocca
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
The Box
(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee for One-Room Summer LIGHT.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON
Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #156
Romans 6:1-11

MESSAGE Pastor Craig
"On Being Imperfect"
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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.**

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 #46
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. Amen.



*All who are able, please stand.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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