

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 28, 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 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: Let us sing of God’s steadfast love.

**All: We offer our praise in songs of joy.**

One: God’s faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

**All: We will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

**All: We will give God glory now and always!**

### **\*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #595

*Be Thou My Vision*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of mercy;**

**as we gather to celebrate your gift of love**

**we recall with sorrow**

**the times when we forget you**

**and are divided one from the other.**

**How often our thoughts, our words,**

**and our actions,**

**have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us.**

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Mend what is broken.**

**Heal the wounded relationships**

**that separate us from you and one another;**

**through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ knows we have fallen short of his intentions for us, yet in his great mercy, he welcomes us back into his embrace.

**All: Thanks be to God that we are forgiven, refreshed and restored for ministry by God's grace.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #35

***Glory Be to the Father***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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

## ENGAGING THE WORD

**ANTHEM**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Lee Carman

***The Box***

*(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee for One-Room Summer L.I.G.H.T.)*

**NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #10

**Matthew 10:24-42**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Craig

**"A Sword and a Cup"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*All who are able, please stand.

## 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,**

**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:***

\*All who are able, please stand.

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Generous God, what we return to you today has first come to us from you. Bless what we offer so that those in need may taste your abundance which we know already in Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.**



**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #585  
***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**BENEDICTION** (seated)

**THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE** Julie LaRocca



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