

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 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 AFTER PENTECOST IN CELEBRATION OF AMERICA’S 250TH**

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

**PRELUDE**

Dave Robert

*My Country ‘Tis of Thee*

**WELCOME**

\*All who are able, please stand.

## GATHERING FOR THE WORD

### **\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In joy and gladness, enter the presence of our  
God who rules and reigns over all creation.  
Worship the Holy One!

**All: The voice of the Holy One is powerful and  
gracious, loving and challenging,  
compassionate and convicting.**

One: In joy and gladness, receive the fresh wind of the  
Spirit who ignites our hearts and connects us to  
one another. Worship the Holy Spirit!

**All: The voice of the Holy Spirit gives wisdom,  
discernment, comfort, and confirmation.**

One: In joy and gladness, follow the path of Jesus

**All: The voice of Jesus models for us what to say and  
how to live. Praise God!**

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

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #720

*America the Beautiful*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Our God, we have sinned against you,  
our neighbors, and your creation.  
Within ourselves and our communities,  
our desire to do what is good  
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.  
We lament the evil that holds us captive.  
We repent of the wrong we have done,  
and the wrong done on our behalf.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us  
for lives of compassion and courage  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor:** All-merciful, Almighty God  
forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and by the Spirit's power  
strengthen you in doing what is good.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

*The Box*

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Dave Robert

*God Bless America*

**Reading of the Declaration of Independence**

**OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Large Print Pew Bible OT p. #866

**Micah 6:6-8**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Craig

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**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,  
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.**

**LITANY PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

One: O God, be with us today

**All: O Christ, visit us with your compassion.**

One: For our sins by which we have grieved you;  
for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love;  
for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your  
church;  
for our apathy toward your call to faith;  
for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around  
us:

O Christ, forgive us.

**All: O Christ, deliver us.**

One: That our nation may remember you as the God of  
mercy and truth;  
that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire;  
that we may be healed from the motives of greed and  
revenge;

\*All who are able, please stand.

that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer;  
that we may offer unselfish devotion to the well-being of our nation;  
that you would uphold and guide our president and all in authority;  
that you would defend and preserve our soldiers, sailors, and air force;  
and that all our people may seek courage and a spirit of endurance:

**All: we ask this, O Lord.**

One: To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension;  
to remember those in captivity;  
to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care;  
to stretch out your arm to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged;  
to have mercy upon all who trust in you:

**All: we ask this, O Lord.**

One: To hasten the day of peace;  
to cast away the threads of hate;  
to forgive our enemies;  
to scatter any who delight in war;  
and to renew steadfast faith within us:

**All: hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer.**

#### **OFFERING**

Sentence  
Offertory

Dave Robert

***This Land is Your Land***

\*All who are able, please stand.

#### **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: Offering Prayer**

**Blessed are you, O God,  
for waves of grain and harvesters,  
fruitful vines and winepresses,  
for our labor and our rest,  
for the gifts of your hand in this land.  
Transform us and what we offer  
into the banquet of your compassion,  
serving your love without limits  
through Jesus Christ, Amen**



#### **GOING WITH THE WORD**

#### **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #705

***Battle Hymn of the Republic***

#### **THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**\*FOR THE CONCLUSION OF OUR SERVICE,  
PLEASE RISE AND JOIN IN THE SINGING OF  
OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the  
perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly  
streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:  
Oh, say! does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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