

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 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



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Jonathan Budd

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WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

All: We look to God for nurture in every season.

One: God is near to all who call out in truth, and watches over all.

All: We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #5

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious and merciful God,
In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,
yet we neglect the suffering of others
and hold grudges.
We blame and judge each other
in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.
Free us from greed and from grievance, and
open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings
and walk in his way this day and always.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven.

*All who are able, please stand.

All: Let us forgive one another, and be at peace with God, with ourselves, and with each other.

***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 Dave Robert

Here I Am, Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Irene Mosher

The Box

OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible OT p. #685

Isaiah 55:1-9

MESSAGE Pastor Craig

"Come to the Waters"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*All who are able, please stand.

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

Jonathan Budd

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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.

*All who are able, please stand.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus' name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.



GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #86
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Jonathan Budd
Fantasia on "Praise Him! Praise Him!"



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