

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Our church welcomes to Communion all people of all ages
who desire to follow Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)*

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

PRELUDE

Jonathan Budd

Remembrance of Thee

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to God!

All: We will tell the world what God has done.

One: Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.

All: We will honor God’s name with shouts of joy!

One: Recall all that God provides.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #570

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful and patient God,
we confess our fear, doubt and anger and
all the ways we are less than you call us to be.
You call us to live with courage and perseverance,
yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route.
You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for
justice,
yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness.
You command us to love,
yet we are too often thoughtless and cruel.
Forgive us our sins and.
renew our lives through your mercy and grace.
Amen.**

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God offers forgiveness and saving grace to everyone.

All: We accept these gifts for ourselves and offer reconciliation to others in the name of Christ our Lord.

***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 Jessica Duga

Prayer of St. Francis/Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Irene Mosher

The Box

Children may leave to attend Summer L.I.G.H.T.
(One-Room Schoolhouse)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #16
Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE Pastor Craig

"Don't Be Afraid"

*All who are able, please stand.

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.**

OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Jonathan Budd

Communion

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.

Children will rejoin their families at this time.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to you today.
Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love
in the world so that your goodness will flourish and
your name will be honored for Christ's sake. Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn *Chalice Hymnal #398*
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

The Invitation to the Table

*Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.
This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.*

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

*All who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Gratitude

***All: Gracious God,
may we who have received this sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.***

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Chalice Hymnal #635*
Faith of Our Fathers

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Jonathan Budd

In Retrospect on "Leaning"



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