

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 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



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Robin Miller

Morning Has Broken

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

All: For God guides us all with justice and equity.

One: Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

All: Come let us worship and offer all honor and praise.

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #545

He Leadeth Me

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.**

**Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community;
and those times we have avoided others because of our fear and prejudices.**

**Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly.
Reveal to us your ways,
and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God,

*All who are able, please stand.

I say, be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

***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 Irene Mosher

He Was There All The Time

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. #17

Matthew 15:10-28

MESSAGE Pastor Craig

"Great Faith"

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

Robin Miller

The Gift of Love

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: O God, we place our hope and trust in your loving kindness. Because we want to praise you with more than just words, we offer our gifts to support Christ's mission in the world. Bless these gifts and use our energy for your good purposes, so that the world will know your loving kindness. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #537
My Hope Is Built

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Robin Miller
Shepherd's Song

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