

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 30, 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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Jason Phillips

Gather Us In

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

All: We will sing praises for all that God has done.

One: Let your hearts be joyful!

All: We will seek God's presence continually.

One: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**All: We will always remember the blessings of God
and glorify God forever!**

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Faithful and forgiving God,

we confess we do not live out your love and mercy.

We cling to old hurts and familiar habits.

We nurse anger and envy.

**We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs
on those in need.**

Forgive what we have been, amend who we are,

and guide us toward who we may become

according to your generous grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's embracing grace.

*All who are able, please stand.

***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 Irene Mosher
The Box

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

OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON
Large Print Pew Bible OT p. #50
Exodus 3:1-15

MESSAGE Pastor Craig
"It's a Mystery"

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

Jason Phillips

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 offer these gifts to you in hope and thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world you love with the mercy and compassion we celebrate in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #227
In the Garden

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE Jason Phillips
Eagles Wings

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