

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 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



FIFTEENTH 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

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sing to God a new song.

All: We will worship God, our Maker!

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

All: For God is gracious and loving!

One: Let us bring God glory and honour,

All: Praise the Lord.

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #570

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of majesty and mercy,
although Christ offers us peace,
we confess we are a people divided;
we harbour fears and jealousy
which set neighbour against neighbour,
group against group and
nation against nation.**

**We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation
and the wellbeing of all people.**

Have mercy upon us, O God.

Set us free from our old ways

**to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus
Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul challenges us to lay aside actions and
deeds that distance us from God and one another and to
put on the armour of light.

*All who are able, please stand.

Know that you are forgiven by God's grace and walk in God's mercy. Be at peace with God, with yourself 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 Julie LaRocca
Christ Our Wisdom

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
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. #61
Exodus 14:19-31

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

Julie LaRocca

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn *Chalice Hymnal #546*
Amazing Grace

The Invitation to the Table

*Jesus said: I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.*

*Whoever eats of this bread
will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
for the life of the world
is my flesh.*

*Let anyone who is thirsty come to me
and let the one who believes in me drink.*

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Gratitude

All: God of Word and Wisdom, you have sent your Holy Spirit, so that by your light, we may see clearly what you call us to be and to do. We thank you for this meal which nourishes our spirits that we may follow in Jesus' path. Engage us by your truth so we know how best to follow Christ Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Chalice Hymnal #452*
Here I Am, Lord

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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