

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

All: let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come before him with thanksgiving,

All: And extol him with music and song.

One: For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to him.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

One: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #73

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God our Father, we come humbly into your presence remembering your great love for us. Forgive us for the times when we fail in our service to you. Forgive us for times when we would rather retaliate than seek to be fair and forgiving. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we hold in our heart. Help us to be honest with ourselves as we approach you and seek your grace. Renew in us a desire to be of service that will honor you.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Irene: I John 1:9 states, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." God's forgiveness is given when we come to him and open our hearts before him.

***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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman

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

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #20

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE Irene Mosher

"How Many Times Is Enough"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Make me a channel of blessing today,
Make me a channel of blessing, I pray
My life possessing, my service blessing,
Make me a channel of blessing today.

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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!

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***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.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Bountiful God, all that we can offer stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empower us for the work to which you call us. Amen

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #234

Crown Him With Many Crowns

BENEDICTION (seated)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

The Message Bible

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