

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 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



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

When the prelude begins, we invite you to be seated and allow the music to prepare your hearts for worship.

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

All: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ’s table.

One: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

All: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

One: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #668

For the Healing of the Nations

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in needs,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We fail to condemn evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
Forgive who we have been, amend who we are and
direct who we shall be
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God's renewing grace.

***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 Senior Choir
One World, One Communion

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Brian Cocuzzo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
Children may leave for Church School

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #173
1 Corinthians 11:17-26

*All who are able, please stand.

MESSAGE

Pastor Craig

"Giving Thanks"

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!

*All who are able, please stand.

***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.



Children will rejoin their families at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn Chalice Hymnal #113

Jesus Loves Me!

The Invitation to the Table

This table is set for all;

around it there are no divisions.

*Just as bread is not made from one grain, but from many,
and wine is not made from one grape, but from a full
harvest,*

so too, we, who are many, are made one in Christ.

This is a sacrament of unity.

*Come and join with neighbors east and west, north and
south,*

to celebrate Christ's presence with us all.

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

*All who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Gratitude

***All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us in this
meal, and fed our bodies and souls.***

We have heard your love; now send us out to speak it.

We have seen your love; now send us out to show it.

***We have been fed by your love; now send us out to
share it.***

and let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #667

Let There Be Peace on Earth

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

You are welcome to depart during the postlude in a spirit of gratitude.

Let the music accompany you as you go forth into the world!



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