

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

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.

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



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTERTIDE) CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

*(Let us celebrate and honor the nurturing women who have
helped us throughout our lives.)*

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

(The Christ in me sees the Christ in you.)

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 1

One: Happy are those who take delight in God's
Righteousness.

**All: They are like trees planted by streams of water. We
will be like those trees. We will blossom and flourish
as we praise God.**

One: God surrounds all people with lovingkindness.

**All: Eternal God, we will open our hearts to sing of your
goodness, our minds to explore your wisdom, and
our lips to give you praise. We will worship God with
thanksgiving and joy!**

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #495 (2X)

Weave

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Caring and Compassionate Creator, we enter this place
set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to
see you in other places. Too often, we have ignored your
beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures,
in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live
more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by
what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to
us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we
cannot help but know every day that you are with us,
wherever we go. We ask that you increase our capacity to
care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus'
name. Amen.**

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: When we contemplate God’s law, we learn of God’s love and God’s Right Way for Living. God’s generous care protects all of us and the earth. When we gather to worship and pray, we are made whole by God through the redeeming love of Jesus, the Christ. Because of this, we can be assured of God’s forgiveness. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Chalice Hymnal #224

Christ Arose! (refrain)

**Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

CELEBRATING ALL WOMEN

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Jol Sprowles

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #235

Large Print Bible NT p #337

1 Peter 4:8-11

MESSAGE

Tammie Mangold, Jeff McAvoy, Cassie Miller
“Are You Willing?”

*All who are able, please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #490 (vs. 3)

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING: *Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God*

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

*All who are able, please stand.

*who receive and a witness to Christ's love for the world.
Thank you!*

***DOXOLOGY**

Chalice Hymnal #218

Thine Is the Glory (refrain)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Loving God, you send us into the world to spread the joy of new life. We ask that you accept our efforts and make them productive in fulfilling your Righteousness. Please enhance our gifts with the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let all that we do be done in faithfulness and with the love of Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

UNISON BENEDICTION

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #453

All: As we depart we give thanks to God through Christ Jesus knowing that we have been called as partners in Christ's service. We are messengers of faith and will carry hope, peace, joy, love and light out to the world. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #106 (vs. 1 & 2)

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

*All who are able, please stand.

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia,
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

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Alleluia

WORDS: Jerry Sinclair, 1972, alt.

MUSIC: Jerry Sinclair, 1972

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