

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 26, 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



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : TRINITY SUNDAY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

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

*All who are able, please stand.

***INTROIT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY** Chalice Hymnal #583 (2X)
Lead Me, Guide Me

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from **Psalm 29**

One: Let us give to God the glory of his name and give thanks for God's glory, love, and strength.

All: We shall worship God's holy splendor with gratefulness.

One: The voice of God is powerful. God's voice thunders over mighty waters, breaks the cedars of Lebanon and shakes the wilderness.

All: We give thanks for God's strength shared with us for our life journey.

We prepare now to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #72
To God Be the Glory

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God of Salvation, when we are put to the test, all too often we do not quickly respond. Sometimes we lack the courage of faith. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own and ask that you help us to live under your commandments. Forgive us when we stray from the truth you deliver and please increase our trust in you. We give you thanks. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus is with us today by way of the Holy Spirit. With authority the God of the Trinity commissions us to service; with redeeming love we are set aright when we fall. All who

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humbly approach God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one divine being, seeking forgiveness for sin can live with assurance because Christ Jesus died for us all. Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

***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.

A TRIBUTE FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Song for the Unsung Hero

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman for One Room Schoolhouse.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #93

Large Print Bible NT p #132

John 3:1-17

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #14

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:

*All who are able, please stand.

we would praise your name forever, one-in-three, and three-
in-one.

We would share your life, your passion, share your word of
world made new,
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

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 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 God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Loving God, you call us to mission and call us to use our God-given gifts. You equip us to serve you; you care for all our needs. These gifts that we offer are but a portion of the treasure you heap upon us. May the work that we do be worthy of your name. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #705

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory/Battle Hymn of the Republic

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

UNISON BENEDICTION

All: Let us go out into the world renewed and protected by our God of the Trinity – three persons in one holy being. God is our breath of life, our strength, and the power of love. We are sent forth as God’s bold apostles to God’s church in every place. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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