

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 9, 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



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUMMER L.I.G.H.T. PROGRAM FOR OUR CHILDREN: LEARNING IN GOD’S HOUSE TOGETHER

*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.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from **Psalm 138**

One: Loving God, we give you wholehearted thanks and we sing your praises.

All: We stand before you and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: When we call upon you, Loving God, you answer us and increase the strength of our souls.

All: Dear God, your steadfast love endures forever and we are filled with gratitude.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #537

My Hope Is Built

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Compassionate and Merciful God, we confess that we sometimes ignore our responsibilities to you and to humanity. We realize that at times we interfere with the rights of others while proclaiming our own rights, and we ask for forgiveness. If ever we sit on the sidelines, doing nothing, but criticizing those who do something to help, we ask for your forgiveness. When our example and actions are not according to your Word, we ask for forgiveness. We ask that you keep us whole in body, mind, soul, and spirit so that we may help the world with your hope, love, compassion, justice, and graciousness. We pray this through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God’s Word is a Word of forgiveness, a Word of assurance, and a Word of graciousness. We are loved and accepted because as God’s children, we are of God. We have sparks of the Divine within us. Nothing can separate us from our Creator and Sustainer. In God through Jesus, the Christ, 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.

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman for the one-room school house Summer L.I.G.H.T. program.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #37

Large Print Bible NT p #52

Mark 3:20-35

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“Don’t Saw Off The Branch On Which You’re Sitting”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #578 (vs. 1)

I Need Thee Every Hour

*All who are able, please stand.

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

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 ***Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*** Dave Robert

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 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 have sown the seed of eternal salvation in Christ Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, you have planted your Word in our hearts. We are surrounded by countless acts of your graciousness and are empowered in every way by your sustaining love. Please receive what we offer to you and bless these fruits of our labors to your glory. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #33

How Great Thou Art

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #33

One: Dear God, we give you thanks that your providing for us has no end.

All: We go out with our souls nourished as we sing your praises for the wonders of the universe.

One: We give thanks that God would sacrifice his Son on the cross to bear our burdens and take away our sins.

All: Our prayer for this week will be: "My God, how great thou art!" Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE (seated)

*All who are able, please stand.



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