

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 16, 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



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF NURTURING MEN

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

PRELUDE

Senior Bell Choir

O God, Beyond All Praising

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

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

*All who are able, please stand.

INTROIT

Miranda McAvoy and Munro Crane
Hallelujah

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from **Psalm 150**

One: Let us praise God in God's holy house of worship. Let us praise God everywhere. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: We will praise God for creation, and praise God for magnificent greatness!

One: Let us praise the Lord with the sounds of the trumpet, with tambourine and the dance!

All: We will praise God with song, with strings and pipe, and loud clashing cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #601

I Am Thine, O Lord

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, in certain situations we are slow to proclaim our belief in Christ Jesus as our Savior. All too often we have our own desires that demand our devotion. We sometimes confuse Christ Jesus' will with our own. We ask that you help us to listen to God's Holy Spirit which helps to direct our paths in life. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Apostle Paul reminds us how we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*All who are able, please stand.

Romans 6:5 says: “For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.” In Christ Jesus we may live anew, with the assurance that in him we 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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Cassie Miller

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

This Is My Father’s World

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“The Box”

Lee Carman



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SCRIPTURE

Pastor Joanne

Old Testament Reading **Proverbs 3:5-12** *The Message Bible*

New Testament Epistle **Ephesians 3:14-19** Pew Bible p. #193

MESSAGE

Lee Carman

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Penny Gates

Recipients: **Laurel Feindel**
Norah Wright

*All who are able, please stand.

T.E.L.O.S. SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

(*Teens Experience Living Out the Story*)

Recipient: **Carina Overgaard**

NAMING OUR GRADUATES Lee Carman and Leslie Ledoux

COVENANT OF SUPPORT Lee Carman

One: When one is baptized into our faith community, we covenant with God by saying

All: We promise our love, support, and care

One: When anyone is confirmed, we covenant with God by saying

All: We promise our friendship and prayers

One: When new members join our faith community, we covenant with God by saying

All: We promise to grow together in God's knowledge and love

One: We remember

All: Those promises never end

One: We will support the families as their graduates enter this new chapter of their lives

All: We promise with the help of God.

One: We will hold these graduates in our hearts as they continue along with their faith journeys: questioning, learning, and growing

All: We promise, with the help of God. Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #570 (vs. 3)

Sweet Hour of Prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear

*All who are able, please stand.

to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul
to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and
trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour
of prayer!

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 ***Grace and Peace to You*** 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: Eternal God of Salvation, we give you thanks that you have given us Christ Jesus as the source of new life. You have called us to be among your people and we ask that you accept these offerings that we bring in gratitude. Please help us to use them wisely to spread your message worldwide. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #453

One: God calls us as a community of faith to be partners with God in mission and ministry through Christ Jesus.

All: We will respond with deep commitment and follow Christ's inspiring example. Each one of us will partner together with others in our faith community to be messengers of God's word. In so doing, we all will strive to give hope, confidence and peace to those whom we meet. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE (seated)

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