

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 23, 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



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNETEENTH RECOGNITION

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #276

One: We gather together to ask for God's blessing.

All: We ask, Loving God, that you be present with us and make your will known to us.

One: Let us sing God's praises through Christ Jesus. Let us tell the story that God is always with us both in our joy-filled times and during our wilderness times.

All: We will, indeed, tell God's story through words, songs and deeds.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #276

We Gather Together

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God’s intimate and unconditional love for us can be put into words like these: You are my chosen ones. I love you. I’m proud of you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Be assured that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and will stand by you in all times and in all places. Dare to live fully the life to which I have called you. 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.**

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE AND LOVE OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS**

JUNETEENTH RECOGNITION

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Julie LaRocca

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“The Box”

Lee Carman

(Children will be dismissed to accompany Lee Carman for the one-room schoolhouse Summer L.I.G.H.T. program: Learning in God’s House Together.)

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. #181

Large Print Bible NT p. #261

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*All who are able, please stand.

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON Pew Bible NT p. #39
Large Print Bible NT p. #54
Mark 4:35-41

MESSAGE Pastor Joanne
A Life of Extravagant Faith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #576 (vs. 1)
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior
divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

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.**

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

Sentence
Offertory

*All who are able, please stand.

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!

***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 Love, you call us as stewards to take care of your creation. As we till its soil, help us also to replenish and nurture the earth. As we sow seeds for tomorrow's crops, teach us the meaning of patience and hope. As we reap the harvest, guide us to see that all your people are fed. Help us to work to eliminate pollution of our waters so that all may drink of its freshness. As you receive what we offer to you, we ask that you bless our efforts to work for the basic necessities and justice for all throughout the world. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #65

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*All who are able, please stand.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #65

One: God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit will surround us with
love throughout this week and always.

All: God will always be our fortress and our strength.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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