

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 30, 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



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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 #90

One: We have gathered this morning to sing loud praises to
Christ Jesus.

**All: With our minds, hearts, and souls we gladly sing:
Alleluia! Amen!**

One: Christ Jesus is our Savior, Guide, Friend, Teacher, and
Example.

**All: We can and will depend on Christ Jesus whose love
surrounds and uplifts us throughout life; that love
will never end.**

**We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.
Alleluia! Amen!**

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #90

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our
confession, and please forgive our sins. When we invoke
Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy on us. When
our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment,
we ask that you surround us with graciousness that will
lead to repentance. We are prone to call on you to satisfy
our needs. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice
for us as Christ Jesus intercedes on our behalf. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God hears all our confessions at all times. Christ
Jesus has assured us that we are never alone. The God of
Trinity surrounds us with love. God will fill us with the living

*All who are able, please stand.

water that the Holy Spirit gives. Let us be refreshed in our search to do what is faith filled and faithful and be alive with the promise of God's guidance and care. By God's graciousness 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.

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

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Nora Chapman

The Green Cathedral

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 GOSPEL LESSON Pew Bible NT p. #39
Large Print Bible NT p. #55
Mark 5:21-43

MESSAGE Pastor Joanne

"A Steep Learning Curve"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #339 (vs. 3)

*All who are able, please stand.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come!

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

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;

*All who are able, please stand.

**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, we are in ministry with sisters and brothers throughout the world of different faith traditions. These are sisters and brothers who also do mission work to feed the hungry, give water to those who thirst, provide medications where they are needed, clothe those who have nothing, and provide shelter for those who are homeless. We give our offerings with love and ask that you help us to use them where there is the most need. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #323

Wonderful Words of Life

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #

One: God through Christ Jesus teaches us wonderful words for life that will help us to reap all the joys and beauty life has to offer.

All: We have sung God's praises and will go out into the world to spread healing and peace to all of our neighbors. Alleluia! Amen!

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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