

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 7, 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***(Our church welcomes to Communion ALL people of all ages
who desire to follow Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)***

*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 Psalm 90

One: Lord, through all the generations, you have been our home!

All: We ask that you satisfy us each morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

All: And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #722

This Is My Song

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Hope, we ask that you renew a right spirit within us. We pray this because there is much chaos swirling around us in the world. Hostility rages between and among people and nations, and battles continue; warfare goes on and lives continue to be lost. Rather than remain silent, we know we are called to help in whatever way we are able. Please help us to listen for your "Call to Action." We have been taught to love all people, yet we pick and choose and sometimes ignore those who are marginalized and oppressed. We ask that you help us continue to create the new order that Christ Jesus wants here on earth. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Apostle Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God’s love for us. In Christ Jesus, God calls us, and God helps us to learn through Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in God’s promise that as Christians, in Christ Jesus 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

Irene Mosher

I’m In His Hands

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“The Box”

Pastor Joanne

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. #40

Large Print Bible NT p. #56

Mark 6:1-13

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“We Are the Equipment”

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to you children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

A Prayer for the Nation

Chalice Hymnal #723

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage.

Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil course of action.

Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

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,

*All who are able, please stand.

**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

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!

***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 Blessings, we surround ourselves with your love as we dwell in your graciousness. Whatever good we do, we owe to your power that works within us. The work of our hands is a gift of your love. We ask that you nourish our endeavors with your sustaining Spirit as we continue your work here on earth. Amen.



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #295

In This Very Room

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Gathering around the Table as we celebrate new life being born, we remember many stories shared around tables; tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, and reshaped.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Gathering around the Table, it is a blessing to remember the story of the Holy One, the Sacred Spirit, daring to share our life and the Light of God. It is the story of the Holy One, the Sacred One, donning human flesh and dwelling among us; a story that is at once both of heaven and of earth.

All: Glory be to God in the highest!

Leader: Gathering around the Table now, we break the bread and remember this paradox: it is in our brokenness that we become whole. We also fill this cup and remember the abundance we each discover when we share our sacred stories.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Together, around the Table, we pray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize

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the Spirit rising in our midst; indeed, in one another. Holy Spirit, thank you for coming to us. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Loving God, you have been present with us throughout our service and have renewed and transformed us with this sacred meal. We give you thanks! We will strive to remember whose we are at all times. When we gather at other tables with friends, loved ones, and perhaps strangers, we will know that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit are with us there as well as here. We go from here fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.



GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #725

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #725

All: We have sung grateful songs of praise and have been renewed and refreshed through Holy Communion. We leave this sacred space, Eternal God, knowing that your love will continue to guide us until we meet again. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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