

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 14, 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



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RETURN OF OUR TELOS*SI*ANS FROM THEIR MISSION TRIP (*TEENS EXPERIENCE LIVING OUT THE STORY*)

*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 24

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,
and those who live in it.

**All: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall
stand in God's holy place?**

One: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do
not lift up their souls to what is false.

**All: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord, who
seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #452

Here I Am, Lord

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Loving God of Salvation, we know you are kind and just
in the deliverance of your people. You called us to life in
the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy our egos. Through Christ
Jesus, we learned about your graciousness and the example
we should follow; but still we practice greed all too often.**

**Our dear God, we praise you with our lips, yet we
sometimes forget to honor you in our everyday lives. We
know that to live by your graciousness promises us
inheritance of new life. Please help us to redeem our
enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy
to be called righteous in your name through Christ Jesus.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Pastor: God never abandons us! In the resurrection we are
not only promised eternal life with God, but also the**

**All who are able, please stand.*

assurance that we can have an intimate relationship with God every day of our lives. Just as summer has blossomed forth, we are also promised new life in Christ Jesus. Because of God’s graciousness, we may have the gift of renewal and transformation every moment of our lives. A wonderful blessing indeed. 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.**

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

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Robin Miller

Be Still My Soul

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “The Box” Pastor Joanne

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Pew Bible OT p. #635
Large Print Bible OT p. #962
Isaiah 6:1-3, 8

MESSAGE GIVEN BY OUR TELOSAINS, LEADERS, AND CHAPERONES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #578 (vs. 4)

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,

*All who are able, please stand.

and thy rich promises in me fulfill,
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.**

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:

*All who are able, please stand.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Loving and Eternal God, we have received abundant gifts from you. We show our thanksgiving by giving back to you from that abundance. We ask that you make us mindful of how these gifts are helping those who are in need and those who are hurting. Please help us to continue to fulfill your mission in the world gladly and with loving kindness. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #485

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #485

One: We have been together during worship, called by God's graciousness.

All: We will do our best, with God's help through Christ Jesus, to continue to be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

One: When we go from our worship here, let us carry the example of our TELOSians with us and be a bridge of caring that will help to connect all the people we meet in love.

All: We go into the world refreshed and renewed. We will remember that the Holy Spirit which gives us wisdom and love will help us in our mission work as we bring hope and joy to others. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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