

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 11, 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 and place it in the offering plate during our Offertory time.

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



TWELFTH 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 Hymn #113, *Jesus Loves Me*)

One: We gather together this morning as a faith community to celebrate the love of God through Christ Jesus.

All: The love of God surrounds us and dwells within us. The love of Christ Jesus binds us together in hope, joy, and peace. We give the love of Christ that we have learned from Jesus' example unconditionally to one another.

One: Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving that the Word of God is our centerpiece.

All: We are blessed to have the freedom to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #113

Jesus Loves Me

(Based on Mark 10:13-16)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Compassion, in Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your Word offers guidance, but all too often we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise to renew us, but at times we are unsure of how to ask for that renewal. We sometimes bow to the many idols of this world, and in doing so, we hide from your truth. We ask that you dazzle us anew with the Light of Christ Jesus' love, restore us, and forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Irene: God hears our prayers and will have compassion for all who ask for forgiveness. God sent Christ Jesus as our Savior, to cleanse us of any wrongdoing. When we need help of any

**All who are able, please stand.*

kind, Christ Jesus intercedes on our behalf to relieve us of our burdens. We can be certain that because God sent his Son, Christ Jesus to sacrifice himself on the cross for us, we are forgiven and renewed. 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

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 GOSPEL LESSON Pew Bible NT p #46
Large Print Bible NT p #64
Mark 10:13-16

MESSAGE

Jol Sprowles

"Believe As A Child"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #190 (vs. 2)

*All who are able, please stand.

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

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
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*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 gladly bring our tithes and our offerings to you along with our gifts of food. We also offer ourselves to you as disciples in mission. May these gifts ease the pain of those who are suffering and bring a bit of joy into their lives. We pray that our offerings help to spread the Good News of God's Love and Light. Please help us to continue to do your work in the world with renewed energy as you continue to dwell within us. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #430

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #430

One: We go forth from here with God's blessing through Christ Jesus assured that we are never alone.

All: We give thanks that our sins have been forgiven and depart with the knowledge of God's unconditional love.

One: Let us grow in love and love by serving.

All: The Holy Spirit's power has filled us, and during this time together our lives have been stilled. We will, indeed, go out fed and nourished, joyful and free. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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