

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 18, 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



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

(adapted from Hymn #595)

One: We gather in worship with praise for our Eternal God.

All: Loving God, you are our true Word and our Redeemer; we pledge our love to you.

One: Great God of heaven, you are our treasure.

All: We strive to keep you first in our hearts. We are blessed to worship you, our God, with thanksgiving and joy.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #595

Be Thou My Vision

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God of Salvation, we ask that you cleanse our hearts of any ill will that we may hold against neighbors. When they do not think as we do, we often judge them. If they behave differently, we sometimes pin labels on them. At times, we choose as our guests those we deem worthy of places of honor within our households. Yet, for Christians, through Christ Jesus you opened heaven to all without regard to their status in society, differing beliefs, or differing lifestyles. Please forgive our inability to do the same and save us from pride and prejudice in our dealings with your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, recall the words of Scripture: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." It is Christ Jesus who said: "I will never fail you or forsake you." So, come to Christ Jesus and there find the assurance that, having confessed our sins, we are forgiven. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

***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**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Curtis Guild

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Jessica Duga

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.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Pew Bible OT p #562

Large Print Bible OT p #853

Psalm 111

Pew Bible OT p #304

Large Print Bible OT p #463

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Wisdom In The Forefront"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #594 (vs. 4)

*All who are able, please stand.

***Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind
(Dear God, Embracing Humankind)***

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

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

Jessica Duga

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 of Love and Hope, please accept the gifts that we offer and help us in our ministries of discipleship. In them we seek to love you with heart, soul, and mind. May our discipleship be extended to all no matter who they are or where they are on their spiritual and life journey. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #715
Now Thank We All Our God

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #715

One: Loving God may our thanks to you and for you remain with us throughout this week and always.

All: We shall keep the blessed peace of God with us and give thanks for the joy that it brings to our lives. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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