

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**August 25, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**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



### **FOURTEENTH 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 #285 and Psalm 84)

One: Eternal God, those of us who gather in your house are overjoyed and blessed to sing your praise.

**All: O Lord of Hosts, your dwelling place is lovely!**

One: God is a sun and shield; God is favor and glory.

**All: Lord of heavenly forces, those who trust in you are truly happy!**

**Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #285

***How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely***

(based on Psalm 84)

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of mercy and patience, be with us this day.**

**Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace, and love. We ask that you forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living and when we become so overwhelmed by our current economic woes that we neglect to help others.**

**Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. We understand that caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Christ Jesus. We ask that you give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing, for it is in Christ Jesus' name that we offer this prayer to you.**

**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** From Ephesians 2:13-14 we hear: "Now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace ... and has broken

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down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” As we dwell in Christ Jesus and Christ Jesus dwells in us, so let us also receive his forgiveness of our sins. 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**

**A GUEST MOMENT**

Reverend Vincent Donnell

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Duane Carroll

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“The Box”**

Pastor Joanne

*(Children will be dismissed to accompany Irene Mosher 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 #543

Large Print Bible OT p #823

**Psalm 84**

Pew Bible OT p #312

Large Print Bible OT p #475

**1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Joanne

**“God Here and Now”**

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #581 (vs. 2)

### ***Near to the Heart of God***

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

## **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!*

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**\*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 Love and Light, we offer these gifts to you along with our time and our creativity. They are but a small portion of the gifts you give to us in such abundance. We ask that you empower us to reach out to others and guide us to follow what you would have us do for our neighbors as we use these gifts for good. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #5

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #5

One: We have, in word and song, praised God for God's glory and for the triumphs of God's graciousness.

All: **With God's help, we will go from here and spread God's Word far and wide. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca

*We welcome The Reverend Vincent Donnell and his wife Gwen to our service this morning. Reverend Donnell is the pastor of Rice Creek Community Church in Riverview, Florida.*



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