

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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September 1, 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



### **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

*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 Chalice Hymnal #261

One: The Spirit of the Lord is here with us!

**All: We see it in the faces of the people who are here worshipping with us; we hear it in the music; we will feel it in the Baptism and in Holy Communion.**

One: Experience the love of God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as it enters our hearts and fills us.

**All: We give thanks for these blessings as we lift our voices in praise.  
Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy.**

### **\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

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

Chalice Hymnal #261

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Loving God, in spite of straying from “Your Right Way for Living,” Christ Jesus calls us to ministry. Christ Jesus is patient and loving because Christ Jesus reflects your nature. At times we are impatient and unkind to our neighbors; we discriminate against them and persecute them. At those times, we are not deserving of the trust you place in us. We confess our wrongdoing and pray for your forgiveness. Through Christ Jesus and his promises, we know you will cleanse us of any wrongdoing. Amen**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Through Christ Jesus’ sacrifice and mercy on our behalf, we have been born anew into a life of hope, ourselves becoming an example of God’s patience, love, and trust. As it says in 1 Timothy 1:17: “To our Eternal God, immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be

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given to him forever and always.” 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**



**SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

***Emma Rae Skowronek***

Parents: Jessica and Elliott Skowronek

Godparents: Jake Viscuso and Alejandra Viscuso

Emma’s Brothers and Sister: Elliott Nicholas, Everett  
Michael, and Evelyn Rose Skowronek

Welcome to Emma’s family and friends who are with us  
today.

**Invitation**

**Welcome**

**Explanation to Those Gathered**

**Promises of Parents and Godparents**

**Congregational Assent (Please remain seated)**

**Deacon:** Will you who are present lend your support to Jessica and Elliott as they raise Emma Rae Skowronek in accordance with Christ’s teachings as a member of God’s family? As the opportunities arise, will you encourage Emma to grow in the knowledge and love of God and of our Savior, Jesus Christ? Will you support

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these parents and godparents as they seek to guide Emma Rae in the way of Scripture and to faithful service in Christ's church? If so, answer with we promise our love, support, and care.

**All: We promise our love, support, and care.**

### **Blessing of the Water**

**Act of Baptism for Emma Rae Skowronek**

**Baptismal Prayer**

**All: We give you thanks, Loving God, mother and father of all the faithful, for Emma Rae Skowronek and for her brothers, Elliott Nicholas and Everet Michael and for her sister, Evelyn Rose, your children. We give you thanks for the gift of God's graciousness acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as daughters and sons in the one household of your love. Grant us to receive, nurture, and befriend Emma, this new member of the Body of Christ and to continue to nurture her brothers and sisters. Give to this newly baptized child and to all of us strength for the journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

### **Giving of the Baptismal Gifts**

**Introduction of Our Baptized as the Newest Member of the Body of Christ**

**Baptismal Hymn**

Chalice Hymnal #75

***I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry***



### **ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Chris Pettigrew

***Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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 SCRIPTURE ABOUT BAPTISM**

**Matthew 28:19**

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE ABOUT GOD'S WORD**

**Psalms 119:105**

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE ABOUT GOD'S WORD**

**Matthew 4:4**

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE ABOUT COMMUNION**

**Mark 14:22-24**

**John 6:35**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-18**

## **REFLECTION**

Pastor Joanne

**"Baptism, God's Word, and Communion"**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #321 (vs. 3)

***Break Thou the Bread of Life***

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;  
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;  
give me to eat and live with thee above;  
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

## **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.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

**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:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Eternal God, we offer what we have, and we offer ourselves to you with thanksgiving for so many blessings. Please accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to love you with our whole being. We are dedicated to serving you in mission wherever we travel on our life journey. Amen.**



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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn (seated)

Chalice Hymnal #321

### *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

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

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## 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 will go from here fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.**

#### GOING WITH THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #479

***We Have Heard a Joyful Sound***

#### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #479

**One: Brothers and Sisters in Faith, go out into the world and share the Good News that Jesus goes with us everywhere and helps us to live according to God's Righteousness.**

**All: We will spread the gladness of God's Good News through Christ Jesus wherever we go. Amen.**

#### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca



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