

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY SUNDAY: PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE GREEN WITH EVENTS ALSO AT THE CHURCH

*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 #294

One: On this Rally Sunday, it is wonderful that we welcome all people to worship in this beautiful sanctuary as we are united as the Body of Christ Jesus.

All: We gather as God's people to celebrate a new start for our church year.

One: We shall seek and greet each other bound together by the love of God.

All: It is a blessing to unite our voices in word, prayer, and song.

Let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #294

Here We Gather as God's People

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God of Graciousness, we stand in need of your forgiveness. We pray for new life as we confess our old ways; ways that are not always in keeping with your recipe for "The Right Way of Living." Hope is proclaimed, yet all too often we do not trust. We like the sound of commitment, yet we treasure our comfort. We ask that you forgive our reluctance to embrace fully what you ask from us as your disciples. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Christ Jesus was fully divine yet just as fully human as we are. Hebrews 5:8-10 tells us: "Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" As we have confessed our

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sins, Jesus is the source of our forgiveness. Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, with our trust in the Word of God, we 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**

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMITTEE MOMENT

Brian Cocuzzo

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AND PROGRAMS

Lee Carman

(Children and teachers will be dismissed for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #229

Large Print Bible NT p #329

James 2:1-10, 14-18

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“May You See the Face of Christ in Everyone You Meet and May Everyone You Meet See the Face of Christ in You”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Bulletin Insert (vs. 4)

*All who are able, please stand.

Let Others See Jesus in You

Then live for Christ both day and night,

Be faithful, be brave and true,

And lead the lost to life and light;

Let others see Jesus in you.

Let others see Jesus in you, Let others see Jesus in you;

Keep telling the story, Be faithful and true,

Let others see Jesus in you.

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.

RESPONSE

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

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*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, your steadfast love for us endures forever. Knowing this, we come with thanksgiving and bring our offerings to you. You relieve our hunger and quench our thirst; you satisfy our needs. We commit ourselves to you and share what we have. We ask that you guide us as we use our time, talents, and treasure to continue your mission for the people of our community and the world. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Bulletin Insert

Let Others See Jesus in You

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Let us go from here and, by example, show the love of God to all whom we meet.

All: We shall remember that Christ Jesus is compassionate and shows unconditional and unbounded love to everyone.

One: Let us praise and pray and give thanksgiving for God's perfect love.

**All: We shall spread God's peace, hope, joy, and love.
Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*All who are able, please stand.

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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