

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**September 15, 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



### **SEVENTEENTH 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 Chalice Hymnal #33

One: We join together to praise God for all that God has made in the universe.

**All: We give thanks for the sun, moon, and stars, for forests, meadows, and beautiful bird songs.**

One: God is a great God; let our hearts and souls be filled with God's love.

**All: We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy.**

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

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #33

*How Great Thou Art*

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of Graciousness, we stand in need of your forgiveness. At times we become tangled in the web of love of money and the desire for earthly goods. When that happens, enough does not satisfy us. We become prosperous in our own eyes and poor in your sight. We ask that you help us to remember that stewardship is all about discipleship as taught to us by Christ Jesus. Also, we pray that you will help us remember that when we share our goods, time, creativity, and wealth with others, we will have a new understanding of service in your name. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Ephesians 3:16-18 tells us this: "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you

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have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” With the fulness of God comes the assurance that God forgives all our sin. 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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

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

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Pew Bible OT p #498

Large Print Bible OT p #756

**Psalm 19:1-9, 14**

**NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p #43

Large Print Bible NT p #61

**Mark 8:27-38**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Joanne

**“Spiritual Nutrition”**

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE** Chalice Hymnal #610 (Refrain)

### ***Living for Jesus***

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,  
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

## **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: Our Loving God in whom we live and breathe and have our being, we are blessed to put our trust in you. You are our source of hope and guidance. We return but a portion of what we have received from you; thanks to your teachings through Christ Jesus, our awareness of giving in many and new ways grows day by day. Please help us to use these gifts given today so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #610

***Living for Jesus***

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #610

**One: Let us go from here renewed and transformed to live our lives with Jesus at the center.**

**All: We shall follow Jesus and go as his disciples wherever he leads us. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

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## POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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