

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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September 29, 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



### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WEEKS BOARDS/COMMITTEES/GROUPS OPEN HOUSE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

*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** Psalm 150 (CEB)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in God's sanctuary! Praise  
God in God's fortress, the sky!

**All: Praise God for God's mighty acts! Praise God as suits  
God's incredible greatness!**

One: Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn! Praise God  
with lute and lyre!

**All: Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with  
string and pipe!**

One: Praise God with loud cymbals! Praise God with clashing  
cymbals!

**All: Let every living thing praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving  
and joy!**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #285  
*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Our Redeemer God, we come to you to confess that at  
times we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for  
teachings of our own liking; we listen for doctrines that  
boost our egos. At times, we follow those who flatter us.  
Loving God, we ask that you renew a right spirit within us  
and train us in your "Right way for Living" as you forgive  
our sins. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Irene:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we learn this from  
Scripture: "But you must remain faithful to the things you  
have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you  
can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.” The truth in the Scripture stands. In Christ Jesus 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**

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Senior Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

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

**SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE**

Cassie Miller and Bryan Forst

**“God Is Still Speaking Stewardship”**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Chalice Hymnal #606 (vs. 3)

***God Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your  
grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel  
Word.

\*All who are able, please stand.

Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless  
call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

## **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 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***

\*All who are able, please stand.

**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, source of all goodness, power, and strength, we come with our gifts in response to your love. You pour out your goodness; we bring you thanksgiving. You infuse us with power; we offer the fruits of our labor. You sustain us with strength; all that we do we dedicate to your glory. We ask that you bless our endeavors and help us to use these gifts wisely to do your ministry and mission in the world. Amen.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #606  
***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #285

**One: God of Eternity, we have paused to worship in your lovely dwelling place.**

**All: We give thanks that you will be our sun and shield, our light and our protector as we go out from here to be your disciples in the world. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca



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