

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 6, 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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WEEKS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 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

Special Giving for Help from Hurricane Helene’s Destruction

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 24:1-6 (CEB)

One: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too.

All: Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God set it firmly on the waters.

One: Who can ascend the Lord's mountain? Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?

All: Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart; the one who hasn't made false promises, the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly.

One: That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves.

All: And that's how things are with the generation that seeks him – that seeks the face of Jacob's God.

Let us worship with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #382

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Ephesians 3:16-18 tells us: "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 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**



RIVER ROCKS DEDICATION

Beverly J. Gardiner by Robin Miller

Stephen Flickenschild by Joy Flickenschild

Words of Explanation

Unison Prayer

All: Loving and Eternal God, you are our God and we are your people. You surround us with love through our joys and celebrations, as well as our difficult, challenging, and painful times in life. We give thanks for each one of the people who have been remembered or honored, named, and dedicated to you by way of the beautiful river rocks in ECC's Memorial Garden. May their lives inspire and encourage us. Amen.



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ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Luke 12:42-44

Pew Bible NT p #75

Large Print Bible NT p #106

Luke 16:10-11

Pew Bible NT p #79

Large Print Bible NT p #112

REFLECTION

Pastor Joanne

"It's Okay to Use Stewardship, Money, and Pledging in the Same Sentence"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #392 (vs. 3)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.

Alleluya, Alleluya, we will serve with faith anew.

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**

*All who are able, please stand.

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

*(Children and teachers will rejoin the congregation at this
time.)*

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: 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

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given today so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Invitation to the Table for World Communion Sunday

Unison Prayer of Consecration

All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community with other Christians worldwide and with you through Christ Jesus. We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Dear God, we ask you to consecrate these gifts of bread and the cup, and to bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may come to know you more fully, and to live as one body in Christ. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Eternal God of Love, we thank you for uniting us by baptism into the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips that have sung your praises may speak the truth. Grant that in the days ahead our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world. Grant that in the days ahead our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service both here in our community and worldwide. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #696

For Beauty of Meadows

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #696

One: We are stewards of all God created. Let us be mindful of this as we go out from here into God's beauty.

All: We will strive to be gardeners in peace and to live into God's Righteousness. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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