

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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October 20, 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



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PLEDGE CONSECRATION SUNDAY  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
POT LUCK LUNCHEON AND MEETINGS FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

*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 92:1-4

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

One: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!**

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

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #4

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of Righteousness, you are the hope and joy of creation. We ask that you forgive us when we harm our earth, other humans, and all living things that inhabit the earth. Help us, through Christ Jesus to be better followers of your Word. Please let the glory of your might undergird our actions as your disciples. We have faith and know that you will look upon us with unconditional love as we do our best in your name. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter one, verses eleven and twelve we read: "So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all

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made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.” Brothers and Sisters, wherever you are on your faith journey, be assured that through Christ Jesus, 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**

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Senior Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Lee Carman

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

**NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p #223

Large Print Bible NT p #320

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

**NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON**

Pew Bible NT p #49

Large Print Bible NT p #69

**Mark 12:28-34**

**RECEIVING AND DEDICATING OUR PLEDGES**

**MESSAGE “A Dialogue Between Hebrews and Mark”**

Pastor Joanne, Stewardship Committee, Congregation

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## BEGINNING PRAYER

Psalm 95:1-7

**Congregation:**

**Come, let us sing to the LORD!**

**Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

**Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

**For the LORD is a great God,  
a great King above all gods.**

**He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the mightiest mountains.**

**The sea belongs to him, for he made it.**

**His hands formed the dry land, too.**

**Come, let us worship and bow down.**

**Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,  
for he is our God.**

**We are the people he watches over,  
the flock under his care.**

## ENDING WORDS

**Congregation: We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Directions will be given for the congregation to come forward to either put their pledge cards in the offering plate or to touch the plate.)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Chalice Hymnal #4 (vs. 3)

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

## IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

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**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***  
**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**

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Saving and Loving God, cleansed by your generosity and kindness, sustained by your graciousness, and led by your righteousness, we come before you to offer our gifts. We ask that you bless them and, in our stewardship and discipleship, help us to use these gifts wisely for your purposes here on earth. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #5

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #5

**One: We have joined together as a faith community to praise God through Christ Jesus.**

**All: We will leave here today knowing that we are surrounded by God's love and graciousness as we spread the Good News of God's Love. Amen.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Julie LaRocca



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