

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 3, 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



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Robin Miller

For the Beauty of the Earth

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

One: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

One: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Let us worship with thanksgiving and joy.

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life through communion with you, yet we have sometimes closed our hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have too often chosen the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. We ask that you release us from the bonds of self-centeredness and make us more open to your loving ways and transformation. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: John 6:33 reminds us that the “Bread of God” is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus was speaking to the crowd of thousands after they had been miraculously fed. Jesus has taught that he is the “Bread of Life.” Whoever lives and believes in Christ Jesus as the “Bread of Life” has eternal life. It is in this way that God through Christ Jesus assures our pardon and renewal. 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 and Julie Guild

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p #105

Large Print Bible NT p #149

John 11:32-44

REFLECTION

Pastor Joanne

“It Takes the Community to ...”

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #100 (vs. 4)

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine;
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, the eternal song, through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

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

Senior Choir

(Children will rejoin the congregation at this time.)

OFFERING: *Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God*

Sentence

Offertory

Robin Miller

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

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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: Eternal God, we go forth to serve you wherever Christ Jesus calls us. We ask that you bless our efforts to make his name known. May all that we do be for your glory. Please accept the time, talents, and treasure we offer as tributes to your glory. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #419

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Consecration

All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community. We are honored and blessed to share this Holy Meal in the manner of the saints who have preceded us for many generations. We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Loving 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

**All who are able, please stand.*

Jesus. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Call to the Meal

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Partake in this holy meal for all things are ready.

All: We are blessed by and take in these gifts of God remembering that Christ Jesus died, was raised for us, and ascended to eternity.

Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Loving God, you have been present with us throughout our service and have renewed and transformed us with this sacred meal. We give you thanks! We will strive to remember whose we are at all times. When we gather at other tables with friends, loved ones, and perhaps strangers, we will know that God, Christ, and Holy Spirit are with us there as well as here. We go from here fed, nourished, and joy-filled! Amen.



GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #431

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #431

One: We have been nourished and refreshed with Holy Communion and know that we belong to God.

All: We leave this service with God's surrounding and unconditional love through Christ Jesus. We have

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been filled with the Spirit's power and go out into the world joyful and free. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

RESPONSE

Robin Miller

POSTLUDE

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Robin Miller



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