

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 10, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RECEIVING AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS CELEBRATION OF OUR VETERANS

*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 148:1-4, 7-12

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightening and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

One: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

All: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. Praise the Lord.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #21

Let the Whole Creation Cry (based on Psalm 148)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgive us, Creator God, if we have taken the gift of life and the gifts of creation for granted. We are sorry that we have not shared with others or have not given thanks as we ought to have done. We forget that the good things of our lives are gifts and blessings from you rather than rewards we have earned. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your domain. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Good News in Christ Jesus is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us any sins and inviting us into the freshness of new beginnings. Let us continue to praise our God of nurture, graciousness, and love. 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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible OT p #243

Large Print Bible OT p #368

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“The Part We Play”



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(please see bulletin insert)

Lenora Williams and Amos Smith

mentoring sponsors: Beth and Brian Cocuzzo

Jennifer Towne – mentoring sponsor: Tammie Mangold

*All who are able, please stand.

James and Anna King

mentoring sponsors: Don and Karen Pizzitola



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #622 (vs. 2)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength
and shield.

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

*All who are able, please stand.

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: Eternal God of Salvation, your presence through Christ Jesus continues to guide us as we pursue the paths of your Righteousness and discipleship. All that we have is a gift of your graciousness. As we offer our gifts to you, please accept them as signs of our commitment to Christ Jesus. May all that we do be done with praise because of your blessed loved for us. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Chalice Hymnal #622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #21

All: We have been filled with God's love as we have worshipped in community. Day and night we will praise God with Alleluia's. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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